【村田真哉】 murata shingo

日本はいま苦境にあります。
もはや子鼠を出し惜しみしている場合ではありません。とにかく漫画を描いて、場所も選ばず発表する。未完成でも不完全でも、載さず捨てず読んでもらえる。
今やそれは漫画を表現の手段として選んだ全ての者に課せられた、重大な使命なのです。

【いふじシンセン】 ifujin sinsen

お手に取って頂きありがとうございます。
連載を始めてから何かと本を買う機会が増えまして、気付けばそこら辺に平積みにしてしまう程になりました。まだ床に直置してないものの、この調子だと数年もしたら
足の踏み場もなくなりそうです。
早い所手を打たなければ。

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「聖午」響を退け、傷を負いながらも落ち着いた日常を過ごすアリス。
しかし、そこに生徒会長が仕掛けた新たな陰謀が動き出す…！
それは、アリスの首に賞金が懸かったデスゲームだった…!!

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There are three insects...
...on the verge of death here.
Well, I guess that means...
...I can exterminate all of you together, hmm..?
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Get the hell out.
We're in the middle of a very important conver-sation.

I don't know what you've come here for, however...
Sasori.

!?

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W-

...Just now...

What the...

At any rate, judging by this chick's personality...

Explosives? Battering weapons?

What should I do..?

7" 7"...

I don't have the feeling I'll lose, however, I can't guarantee I'll kill her in one kick...

...be hiding something up her sleeves.

She must certainly...

You seriously think you can kill me?

you'd probably cease protecting your injured comrades, wouldn't 'cha...

Even if you could retaliate,

Boy trying to play hero.

So, care to try me?

I just have something I wanna ask, that's all.

Whaaat?

What is your motive?

Well say...

?

...the boss' true identity?

Do you know...

Why are you asking such a thing?

There's no way I would know.

And if that's the case, so what?

I'm pretty sure he left you to manage the school's portion.

You have Suzume Bachi's every bit of confidence.

I didn't suddenly turn stupid, you know.

Well, this is what Suzume Bachi said.

...is inside this school.

The boss...

!?

It's said that Suzume Bachi's the only person who was told...

Why is that person...

...about the unknown...

...boss of The Organi-zation.

...inside of this school...

Even if it was about Kumo or The Organi-zation...

I thought I had been informed about everything already.

How-ever...

...does it seem like I had the wrong idea?!

Why the hell...

So you really don't know anything, huh.

Hmmmph.

.....

But since I've waited so long for this,

Well, I guess asking you was pointless then.

I think I'll kill one of ya before going back.

Oki-
san...

O-

What
kind of
behaviour
is this?

*Well
I won't
let'cha.*

I've received orders from people, but there's never any reason behind any of them.

I enjoy my freedom being an individual.

While I belong to the group,

...the boss' order.

Killing Fujii Alice is...

Ah, is that so?

Alright, you can die too then.

...Goki-buri...

And that is...

ヴィー

ヴィー

SFX: Phone Vibrating

Hmm..?

Suzume Bachi.

Well, that's just perfect.

!

.....

...Would it be okay for me to kill Gokiburi as well?

I'm just about to eliminate Fujii Alice, though...

Eh?

Okay, then why...

Huh?

No, but... They're in front of me right now, so...

It's better to just end it at that?

?

Ah, I see.

If that's true...

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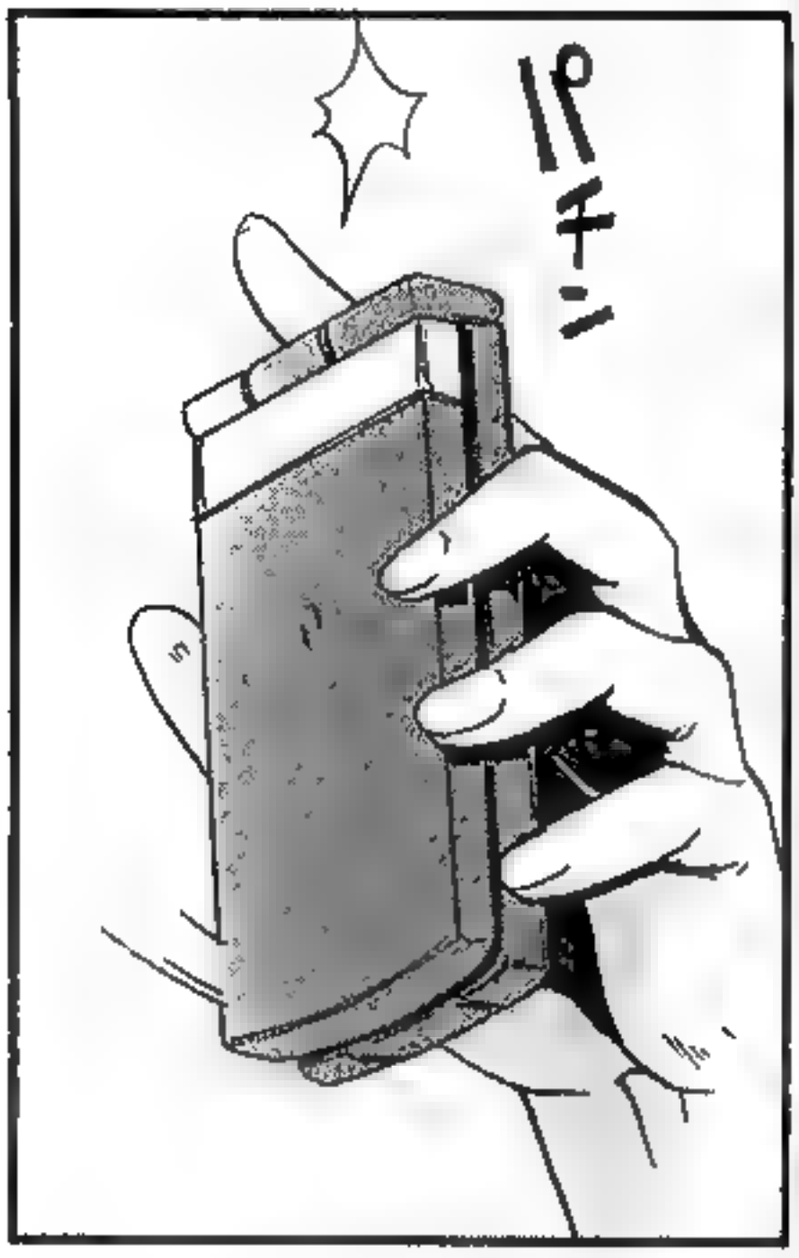
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...Then that is a compromise I didn't even wish for.

Oh, and that life of yours...
Byeee, Alice-chan!!

I'll be returning now.
Well, since the situation's changed a bit,

Byeee!!!
...I'll leave it in your hands for another week!

...just now...

W-What was all that...

.....

We totally forgot about it.

For now, let's go back to class.

Here, lend me your hand...

...I'm worried about Tajima-san.

I don't really get it, but...

Fujii Alice.

Until I get to the bottom of this,

I'll leave your life in your hands for now.

However, no matter what kind of reason you may have,

there's no changing the fact that you were the one who murdered Kumo.

Remember this.

Under-stood.

.....

Sgr. Student Council Room

生徒会室

Suzume Bachi.

Looks like you told her,

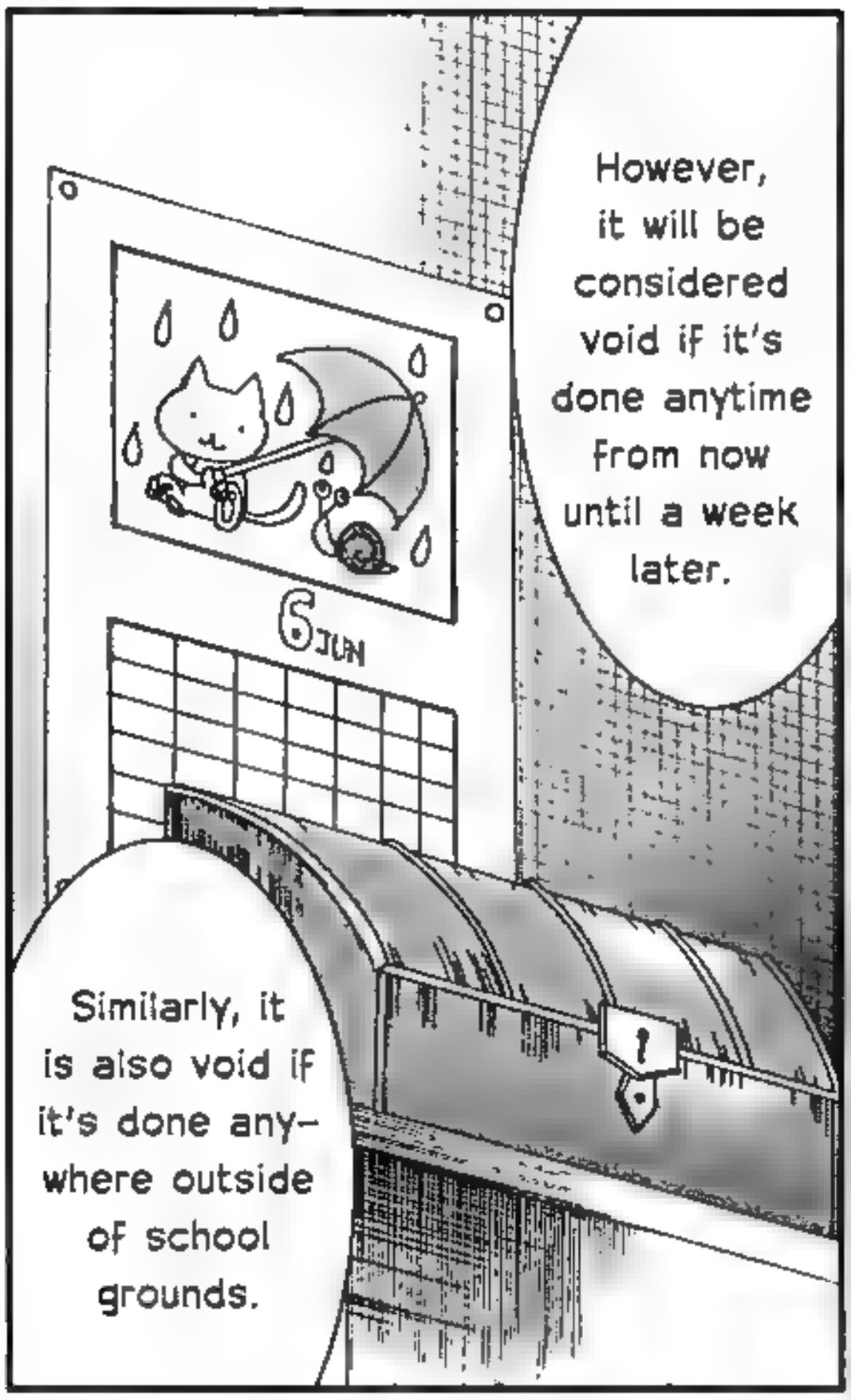
..if you can wipe out this Fujii Alice, who killed our com-rades.

Of course there will be a bonus...

Yeah, that's right...

So with Kumo and Kamakiri's portion...

The amount of money is equal to the number k.lled, mult pl ed by a hundred million.


However, it will be considered void if it's done anytime from now until a week later.
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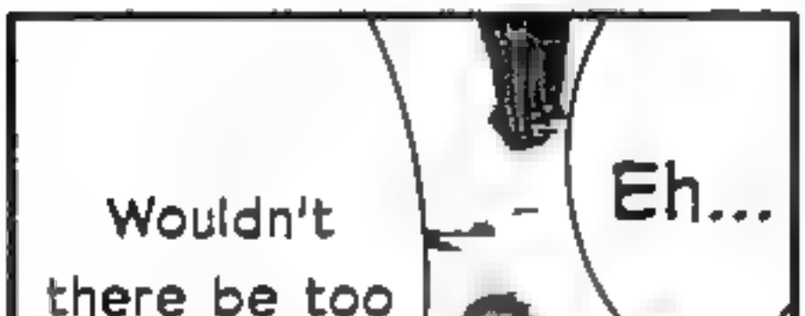
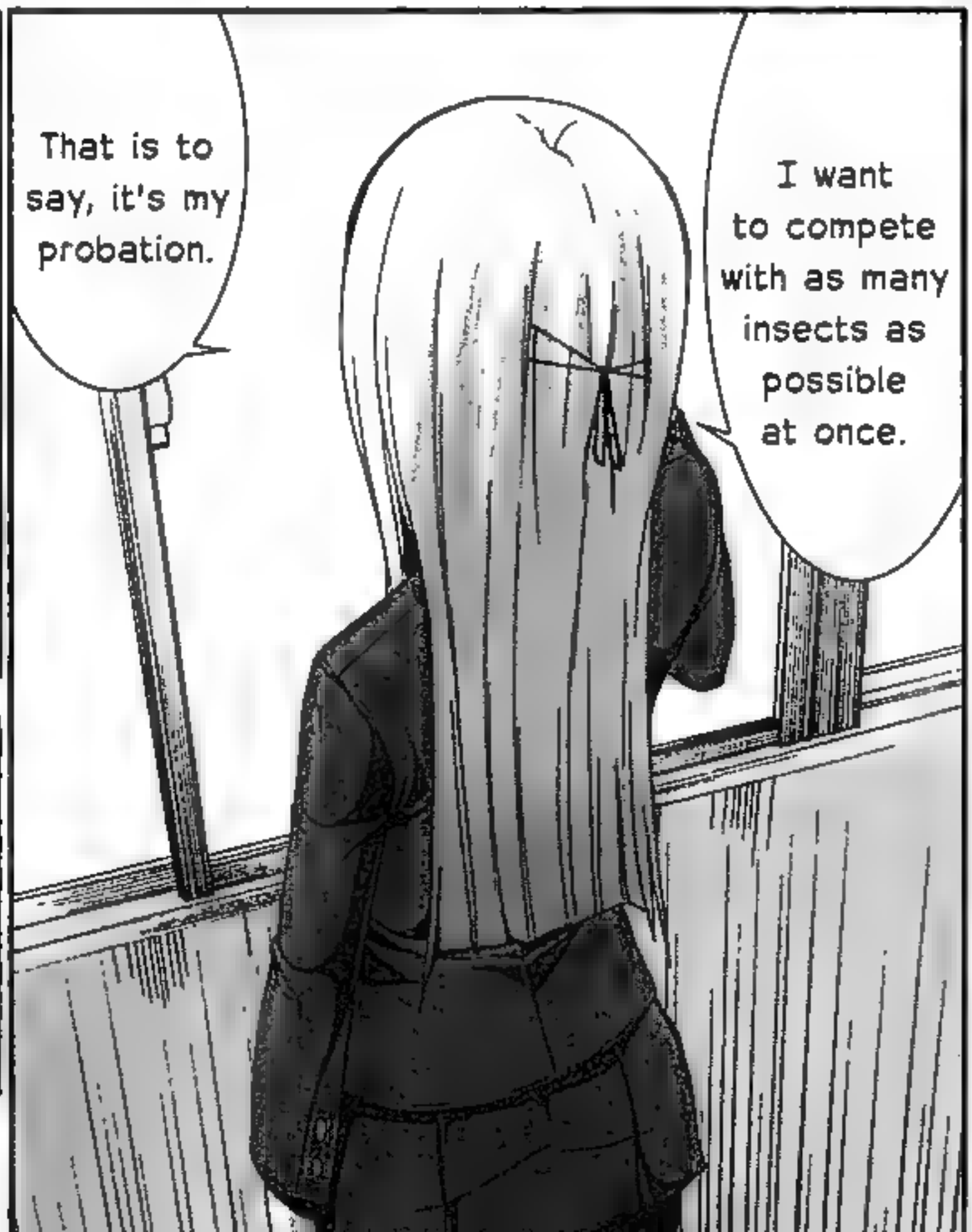
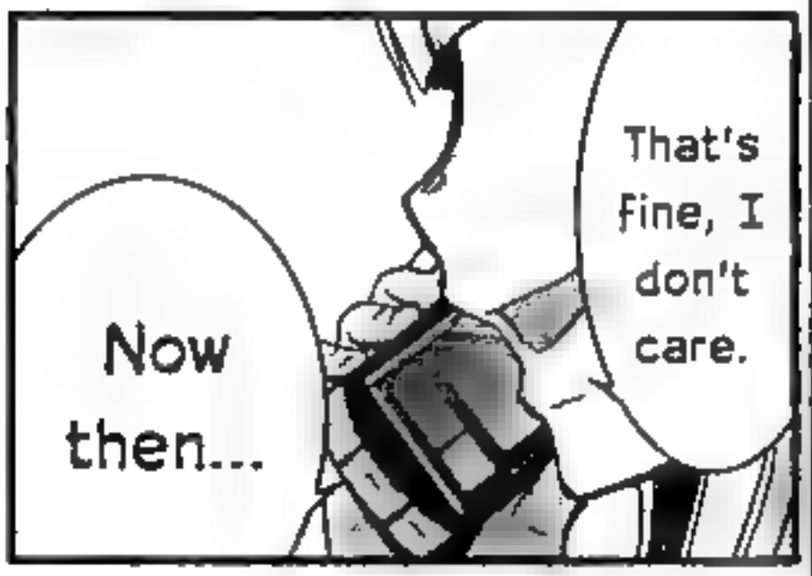
Similarly, it is also void if it's done anywhere outside of school grounds.

That's what it amounts to now.
...Two hundred million.


Wouldn't there be too many people watching?
Eh...


That is to say, it's my probation.
I want to compete with as many insects as possible at once.


Now then...
That's fine, I don't care.

...Wouldn't there be a large increase of species in the gallery?

...In this school event...

Head of the Student Council

Kurokawa Sara

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アラクニド

Chapter 17 : You Wouldn't be a Murderer, Right?

Fujii.

Uhh...

Yes!

...I accident-ally fell off while riding my bike...

Well the other day, at the pedestrian bridge..

Are you alright..?

You...

Yes!

I-Is that so..?

Be careful then....

It's a lie!

It must be a lie!

.....

She really got done in by Tajima-san!

She even bullied her tons in the beginning too, right!

...Now it seems like it's totally changed!

I thought they would have totally became friends, but...

Tajima-san and Fujii-san...

She properly exacted her revenge, huh...

Well that Fujii-san...

There was a rumour saying that Fujii-san fought back, though...

キュ

ニヤー

...No matter where she goes, she's the type of girl that gets bullied, huh!

How pitiful...

Hehe...

Three days ago,

while I was heading back to the class-room from the former clubroom building...

It's only natural that people would spread those rumours about me.

This awful face...

...I ran out of strength...

...and blacked out.

Tajima-san and Oki-san carried my dead-looking body...

...all the way back to my room and took care of me, but...

However, it's not Oki-san's fault.

Oki-san sincerely apologized to me.

...Even after all that, since we didn't manage to get anything from those negotiations,

All of it is due...

...to me.

...killed Kumo-san.

Since I...

From now on, just what should I do...

It's a total stalemate.

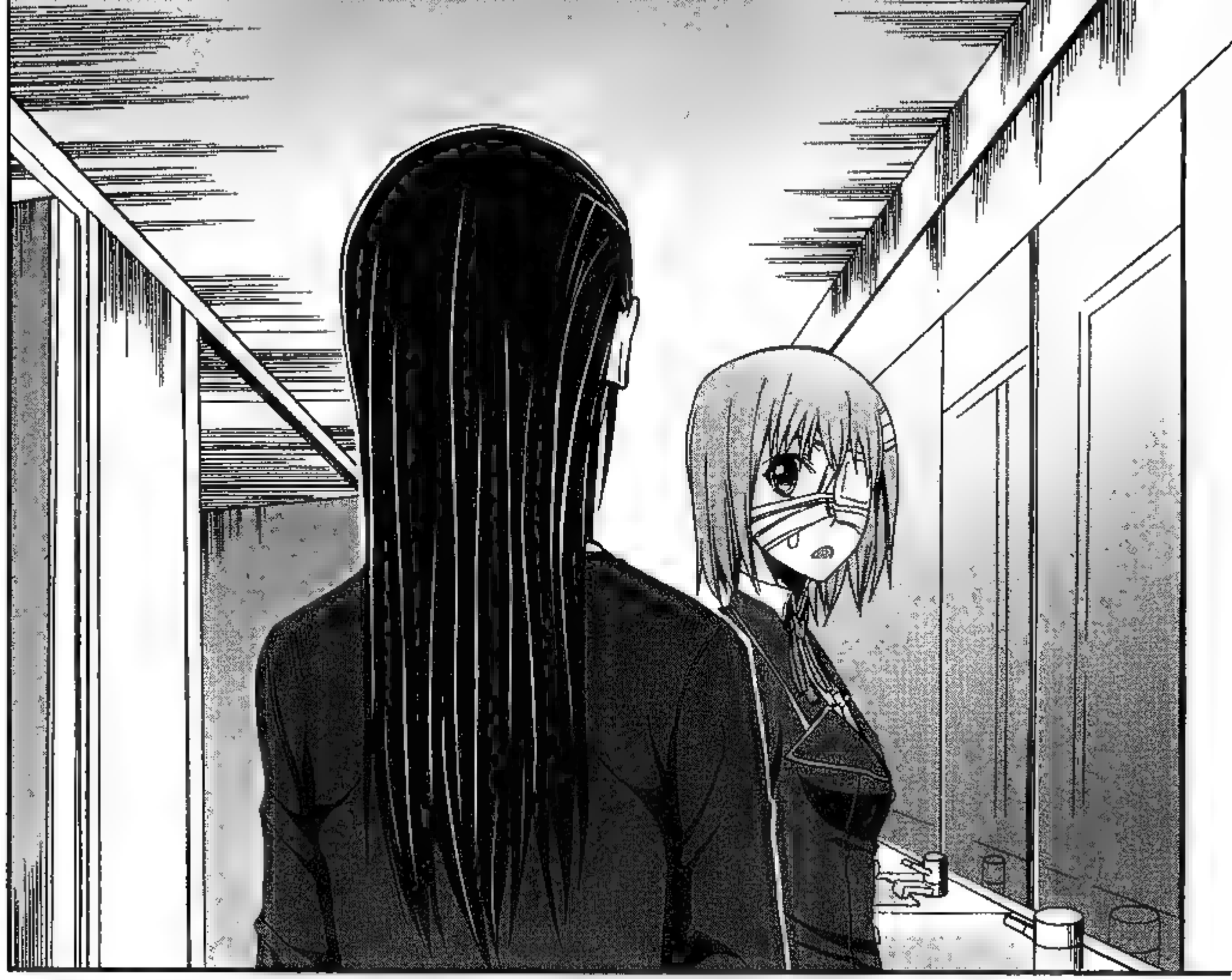
I can't ask those guys for their cooperation.

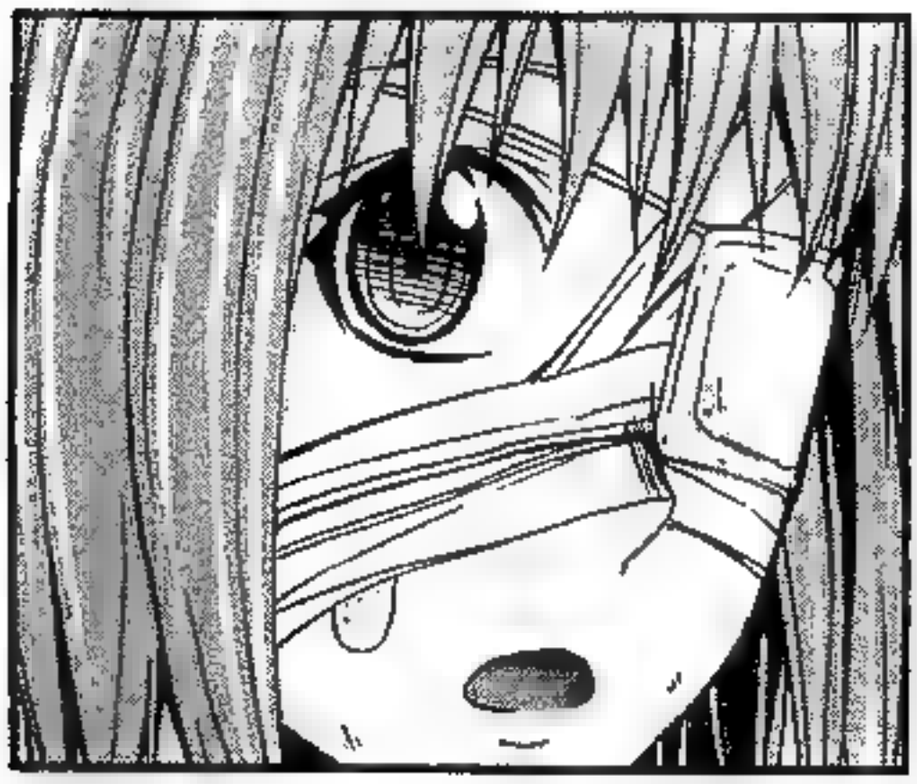
As long as that remains true,

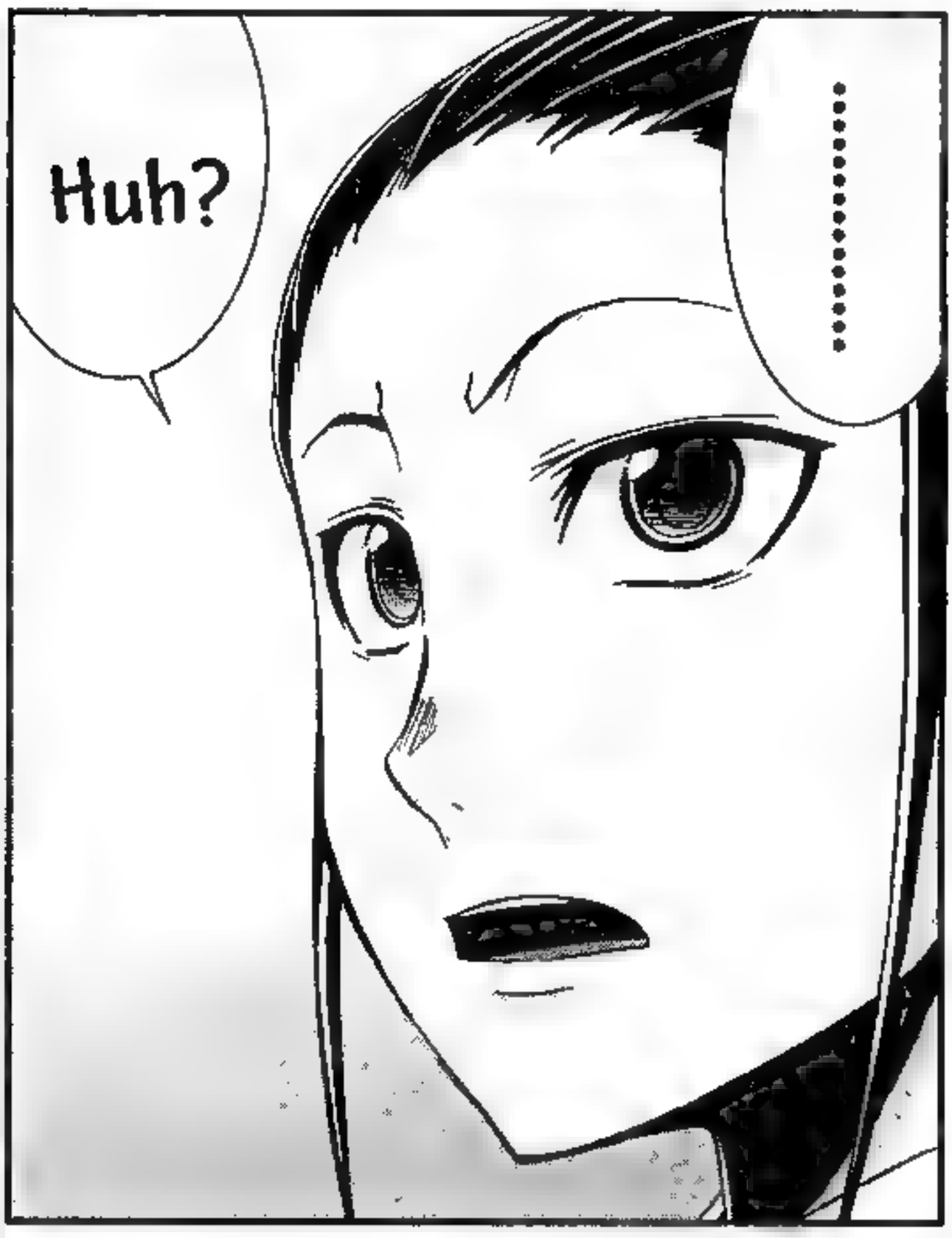
Mother...

What...

Alice.






Huh?
.....

That...
Ah–

Pff-

Tajima-san...

W-What's up?

S-Sorry...

WHA-

What, mother..?

Kuku...

PLEASE DON'T LAUGH!!

Since I don't exactly know when or where I might be attacked...

...I figured I'd take you as well.

AH! YES!!

I'LL GO WITH YOU..!!

I'm planning to go buy stuff on the way back, so...

Oh no... It's not that big a deal, but...

Oh, and don't turn stupid either.

Mmm, well bye. That's all.

I-I'M NOT STUPID..!

Why...

Wah...

There are so many stores...

What the hell, you...

You've never been in a shopping mall before?!

Wow...

it'll be difficult to figure out who's suspicious or not!

Obviously, with all these kinds of people here,

...to be in a place with this many people..?

But is it okay...

Though well...

I'm Alice-sama's personal escort.

Well I'd prefer if you didn't get the wrong idea...

I didn't tell you to come.

Yeah, and why did ***you*** tag along too?

Though...

...I can assert that she's extremely safe.

...Even though the pro me seems nervous, forehead's here too, so...

ARE YOU HONESTLY NERVOUS?!

...Since there's too many people watching here, I probably don't need to worry...

30~50%OFF!

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30~50%O

SALE SA

TL Note: Although Alice and Megumi (last page) mention the word "nervous," they imply something more like "pressured" or "stressed."

W-

I think I'll go try this on!!

WAIT A SEC! O-OKI-SAN!!

CHEAP!!

I'll bring her back right now, so jus-

Sorry Tajima-san,

Alice.

Oi.

Suits you, doesn't it?

Here.

This is... for me?

T-

Eh...

It's alright. Just try it on.

I don't have any money...

But, erm, I...

This, and this too...

Try putting this on also.

I'm sorry...

S-So that's why...

I'd be pissed if people saw a person like me together with you and thought I was homeless and nasty also.

It's because your regular clothes are completely worn out.

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FITTING ROOM

I tried putting it on... But...

I...

試着室
FITTING ROOM

Alice!

How is it?!

Lemmie se-

AH...

It totally suits you!

I'm so getting aroused from this!

Well aren't you looking fine...

Ohhh...

It's emba-rassing...

B-But... My face is like this...

It's needed to be moe!

I-Is that right...

Idiot.

You need to be stylish! And bandages look cool anyway!

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Note: A little over $1,200 USD/CAD

EHH...

It comes to 98,450 Yen.

Including your current membership discount...

How much?

Alright, I'll buy these.

Seriously...

CHEAP?!!

That's so cheap!!

It didn't even pass 100,000 Yen?!

Well I'll be charging you an extra 10% every ten days.

I'll be sure to pay you back sometime, so...

I- I'm so sorry...

You must really be on good terms with your father...

It's fine! I'll use my father's card to pay for it anyway.

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JELLY

CC

ir mation

Tasty...

Mmm...

I'll go!

Ah, yes.

Go and buy some us drinks, Alice.

What do you girls want?

Is this okay..?

We just had ice cream not too long ago though...

There's always space left for crepes.

This is pure bliss...

Well there's a supermarket on the first floor, so go buy them and come back.

DASH!!

Dam- mit...

THOSE AREN'T IN VENDING MACHINES!

Soy milk.

I'll have tea...

Note: She means more like, "make haste!"

What an annoying damn woman!!

...every-thing here.

There's really...

How wonderful...

It's surprising!

Just what kind of youth did you have?!

Even a theatre...

Western clothing... Books... Candy...

Your mother...

...committed suicide, right?

Mother wanted to bring me here too...

...To begin with, never had a mother before.

EH?!

I...

Yes...

I'm not really as sympathetic as you think

I guess I'll tell you now but...

...It seems she died when I was born.

I'm not really sure, but...

I didn't wanna see her face anymore, so I'm out on my own.

My relation-ship with my mother-in-law is rather awful, too.

Ah?

Is that so..?

I-

What's with the crying..?

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If I think about it for a little, our circumstances aren't all that different, so...

Though well...

Even if your homeless.

It's not my responsibility to sympathize with you.

S-Sorry...

Oh...

if we can deal with this trouble once and for all,

...Since it's not that boring being with you,

I figure it'd be cool if we could become real friends.

Eh...

R-

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

REALLY?!

W-

Was that really needed...

Not only that, but...

...knowing you, of course...

It was all my fault in the first place, so...

W-Well that...

...protect-ing me.

Looks like you got quite a number of bruises

...You wouldn't be a murderer, right?

...In the end, you didn't kill me.

You pointed your gun towards me, but...

Eh...

I can't quite trust Oki, however...

I totally get it.

You're not the type of human being that kills others.

Right?

What's wrong?

.....

Y-

.....

Definitely...

Yes...

I heard some-thing...

Hey yo.

Seems he got beat up by a first-year!

That Hibiki-senpai was, ya know.

By who?!

Seriously?!

Heard she had a 1-on-1 with Hibiki-senpai!

Don't quite know, but it was like she beat the hell outta a Rank 10 guy.

Wow...

I heard them say it was some Fujii girl, huh.

Well of course...

Erm...

E-

Well, that...

So what happened after?!

...from the Regulation of Public Morals Program of the Student Council.

I am an executive member...

.....

...at once...

...P- Please stop...

Smoking is against school policy, so...

S-

We couldn't control our urges just now, so...

Ahh... Mah bad.

Eh-

Yeah, yeah!!

Maybe the student council should just make us a smoking area!

That's sooo bad for our bodies yo...

But there's a major problem with that huh... Us holding off smoking for an ***entire day...***

We can't do it yo...

If you let us rub 'em, we'll stop, heh.

But those humongous breasts...

……

HYA-HAHA-HAHA-HA!!

THAT'S AN EVEN BETTER STRESS REMOVER THAN SMOKING IS!!

THAT'S GREAT!!

GYA-HA-HA-HA!!

Under-stood.

Ah..?

!

Seriously...

Wow...

So light...

Ahh...

Hehe... What'cha sayin'!

We've already gone this far...

I... I think this is enoug-

E- Erm...

That's really bad, isn't it...

H- Hey...

If we get found out, we'll get kicked out of schoo-

I-I'm worried..!

I ain't gonna stop until you climax...

Please don't go any furthe-

It's fine.

Her parents, the school, the police too...

She's already agreed on it.

Do as you like. It doesn't matter.

...not mention a word.

...She will absolutely...

However, there is one condition.

Kurokawa Sara?!

H-Head of the student council...

Eh..?!

...I need your help with...

There is just a little something that...

It's a rather simple thing.

If you could just cooperate with me...

What would that be...

W-

.....

.....

You can do whatever you like to that girl there.

Ah–

Ahh...

Boss...

What'cha want us to do..?

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...You wouldn't be a murderer, right?

.Knowing you, of course...

.....

.A murderer...

.Of course, you wouldn't be a murderer...

I...

That's right...

Chapter 18 : It's Not That Big an Issue

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I shouldn't expect to be able to make any friends.

No matter how close of a relationship I have with someone,

As long as this reality remains true,

In order to survive,

I have no choice but to kill.

However, if I think about it for a little...

...I have no choice but to do it to survive.

However, my life is being targetted by The Organization, so...

...Her death was because of me.

...My mother...

Oi, Alice.

Oi!

Oi.

ALICE!!

.....

AH–

YES..!

Class ended a long time ago!

What the hell are you doing?

E–

Err... Where...

Hey, let's go.

You... Are you really alright..?

I'm worried...

S– Sorry...

I just blanked out for a sec...

Food!!

Food, dammit!

How are the results?

Kuramoto-san.

I've also successfully completed corrections of the nine names who have been skipping school.

And then we have 10 names of those who have been violating other rules.

We've found three names of people who are smoking offenders, and four names of those who keep arriving late

Yes, currently...

Okay, then with those 26 people...

Is that so?

E- Every- body..?

EH?!

...Go and gather them at the student council prep- aration room.

...After school...

...Wouldn't there be a large increase of species in the gallery?

In this school event...

SARA- SAMA!!

SARA- SAMA!

I BAKED YOU SOME COOKIES! PLEASE EAT THEM!!

Sure.

WOULD IT BE OKAY IF WE ATE TOGETHER?

The cafe-teria.

WHERE ARE YOU HEADED TOWARDS?

SARA-SAMA!!

Thanks.

SARA-SAMA!

YOUR EYEPATCH SUITS YOU TODAY, AS ALWAYS!!

Your tattoo as well.

SARA-SAMA!!!

You've never been to the rooftops?

The heck's with that, you...

I'm so excited!

This is a first experience for Alice-sama, isn't it!

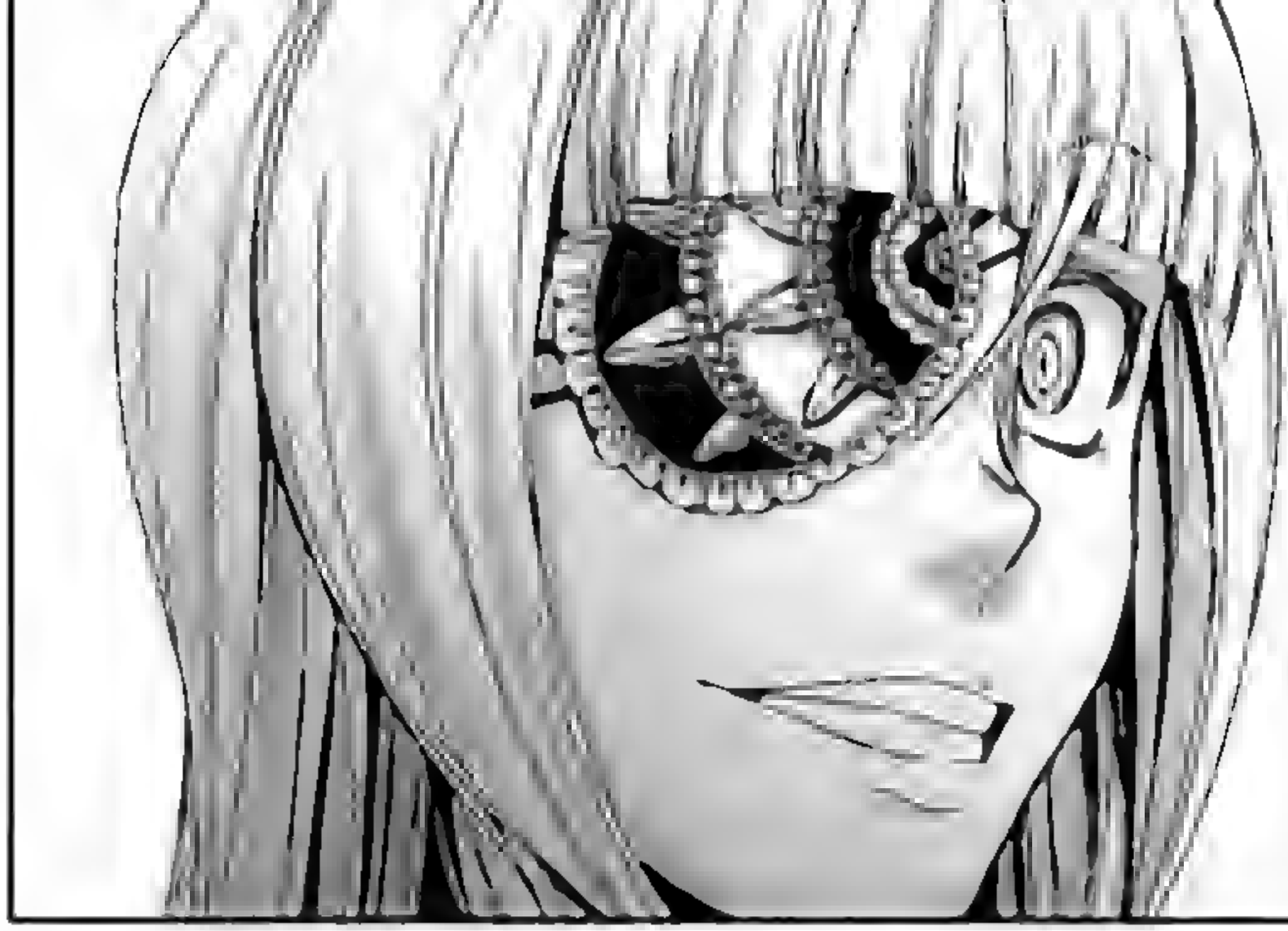
I don't exactly know how to let loose...

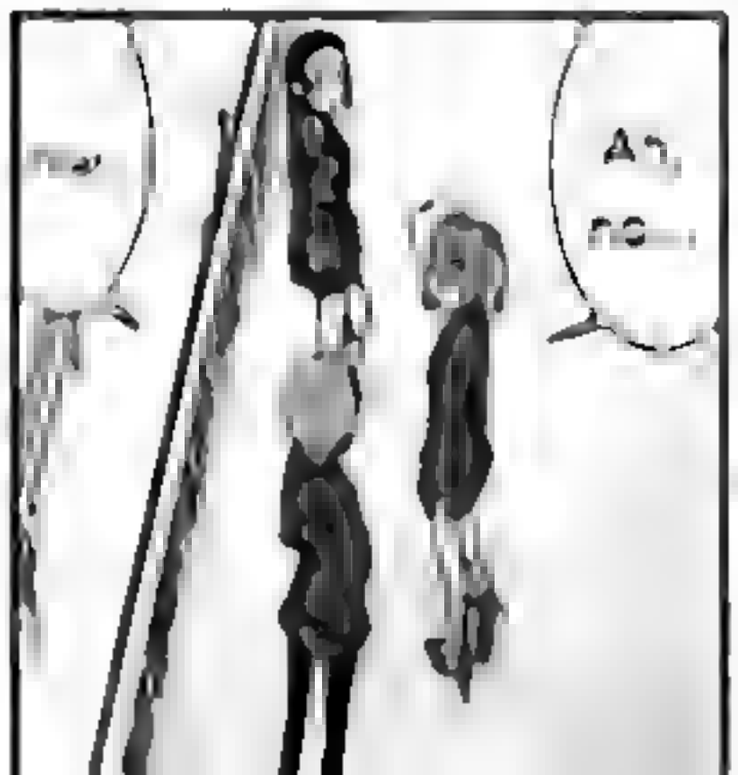
N-No... Not even once...

SARA-SAMA!

SARA-SAMA!

SARA-SAMA!





By Kuro-kawa Sara?

Ah?

...I have a feeling she was watching me...

That beautiful girl who passed me just now...

...Even a total block-head like you should know when enough is enough.

Geez, you...

Eh?!

Is she somebody you know?!

When the election for the new head began in May she suddenly opted to be a candidate

She was admitted here in April

She's the new head of the student council.

Kuro-kawa Sara.

She's like an ideal transfer student!

Being the absolute most popular choice, she easily won her seat as the head.

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...That was around the time when Alice-sama went on her long absence.

There was a bit of a gaudy festival being held during election time, however...

So that's why she had that many followers..

Ideal...

Geez..

Everyone's always in groups..

It's understandable for you not to know!

Forehead-hime is jealous of Idol-sama?

Oh my.

Pfft-

Screw off.

Don't associate me with those idiots.

...Like ants completely swarming her like she's candy.

Please don't get so close...

Ah-

I'm the type that admires the wildly blossoming violets. .!

As opposed to that super showoffy rafflesia,

Well she's not my taste...

She must be one of those top honours students, huh..?

But for a transfer student to suddenly be the head so fast...

TL Note: A rafflesia is a flower. Google it.

Well she's nowhere near an honours student.

It seems there's been an increase of changes since she was inaugurated, huh... Like the scheduled school fest.vals...

...And the budgets for the club activities...

Anyways, the event seems rather nice.

It's quite the unusual talk.

...Wouldn't the school just become uncivilized?

But if that kinda stuff happens...

So what of it?

Everyone's become so carefree about it.

And then there's the changes to the school uniforms, and now people are dyeing their hair brown, putting on lots of make-up, and even using their cell phones.

That's interesting...

Ehh...

Rather, it's become peaceful!

The number of people skipping school and screwing around has decreased a lot.

Since we're free now...

Well...

...hiding these now, huh...

Guess I won't be...

FILTER CIGARETTES

!

Oi...

It's bad for your health...

N-No way...

!?

N-No...

Give it back.

Bitch, the hell are you doing?

...!!

Although I may be a member of the student council...

S-Sorry...

Ah-

...yours?

Is this...

.....

W-

Wow...

T-
That's
ou-

Ah-

...accompany me to the student counseling room.

I shall ask that the owner of this.

Bad idea...

No...

It's mine.

I-

I can't leave Tajima-san by herself.

No matter what the reason may be,

Y-
Yes...

Alright, please come with me.

...I see.

.....

No, well...

...I'll leave the rest to you.

Oki-san...

I can't deny that I'm at a complete loss...

They were huge, weren't they...

Fujii Alice-san, right...

First-Year, Class D.

生徒指導室
Student Counseling Room

...Please write down your school registration number and full name.

Okay, right here...

Okay.

This will not have any effect on your grades.

No. This time is only a warning.

Will I be suspended or expelled from the school?

Erm... This...

Though actually, Fujii-san...

Thank you very much..!

T-

Eh...

Aren't you...

...constantly being bullied?

Fearing that you may be bullied,

you deliberately covered for your smoking friend and let yourself be caught.

No...

This kind of situation...

That's wrong...

N-No...

Isn't that right?

...a victim of bullying.

I am also...

...to anyone who sees this...

?

な…！…

This would be a total disgrace...

That's why... you can't just expect me to overlook this.

I'm actually quite the dummy, so...

……

Please consult me.

If you have any troubles...

...So don't worry about it!

It's not that big of a deal.

...and I get bullied being like that, so...

...It causes issues for the other people ..

I can't believe "it's not that big of a deal" at all!

Honestly,

..that you were bullied not long after you just entered this school!

There are also investigation reports in school that say...

In this world...

Of course there have been some awful things done to me, however...

...within their own problems that seem to continue on endlessly.

...there are also others who are risking their lives fighting...

If you compared me to them...

...In such a small place...

...It's only been three years, so...

I see.

……

I can only say that it's not that big of a deal.

To me,

I'm sorry for bothering you.

Alright.

Please return to your class promptly.

Your lessons should begin very soon.

This is my contact info.

please let me know anytime.

When you need me to save you,

Thank you very much.

I-I'm happy.

.....

Excuse me...

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Okay then...

...Huh?

It's not that big of a deal...

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カーン

コーン

Well?

Ehh...

She seemed like a strict-looking person though.

Ah, no...

I apologized for it and she didn't do anything.

So what happened in the end?

Suspension?

I thought that at first too, but...

...It seems I was totally wrong.

She's quite passive and gentle, so...

...I've actually become rather fond of her.

WHA-

I LIKE OKI-SAN TOO!

Ah, no...

AND I GENUINELY MEAN IT...

I can't deny that I'm at a complete loss...

Just leave her, idiot.

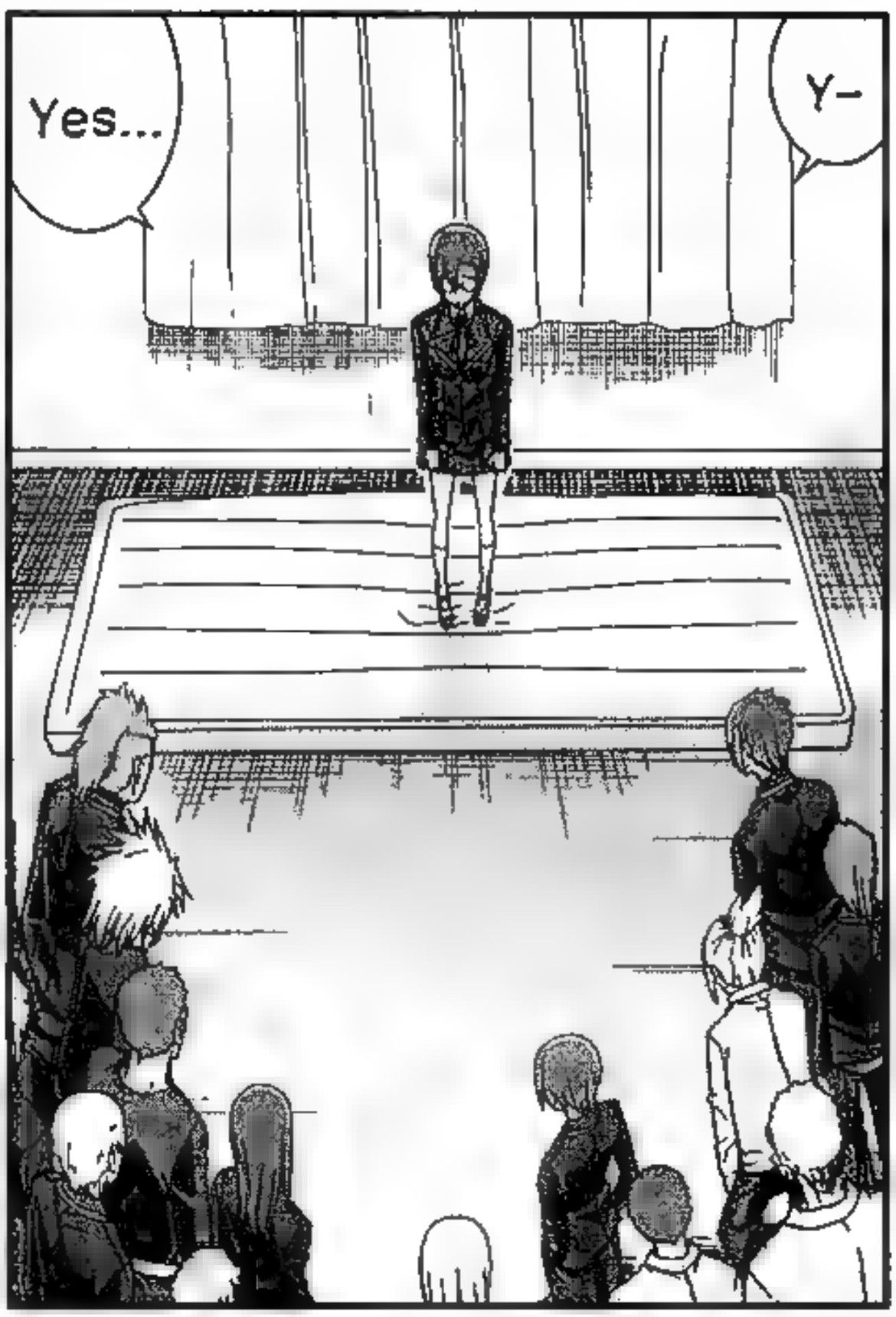
You've kept us waiting, Kuramoto-san.

Everybody's already here.

Fujii-san...

Please begin.

Well then.


Yes...
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Wow...
Hehe...
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Ohh...
フッ...

This is the "Regulation of Public Morals Program."

For those [illegible] who lack the spirit of teamwork and have no other purpose in life...

Fufu...

...and they will follow the queen, allowing you to cultivate an army.

You give them the sweetness of something taboo...

How amusing...

With this, you can direct your own ultimate scene.

ビリッ

You can completely grasp every circumstance within the school.

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This way, you are prepared for every-thing.

ポワ

...begins the hunting season for the arachnid hunt...

Tomorrow...

It's not that big of a deal...

...They shall swarm the body of Fujii Alice.

These little insects painted with greed...

It's not that big of a deal...

It's not that big of a deal...

ARACHNID
アラクニド

Standard gymnastics...

It's usually just the same bullshit, but...

...Swimming is an exception though, huh!

Chapter 19 : Anything Goes

IT'S ONLY WARM WATER, ALICE-SAMA!
IT'S HOT, OKI-SAN!
IT'S HOT!
IT'S A WARM WATER POOL!
Wha...
Bloody...
Che-

S-Sorry...

Getting so hyped up...

Are you both idiots?

I've just been resting the entire time last month, so...

The feeling you get soaking yourself in lukewarm water is really nice.

Moreso, it's neither too hot nor too cold for this kind of season.

I just didn't think it would be this huge and pretty.

It's my first time at the school's pool.

THAT FEELING'S NOT NICE AT ALL!

EVERY-BODY LINE UP!

OKAY, OKAY!

...THIS TIME, I WILL BE MEASURING YOUR CRAWL TIMES!

LAST TIME, YOU WERE ALL ALLOWED TO SWIM FREELY, HOWEVER...

Alice-sama.

That's because she's the advisor for the swimming club, right?

Shinobu-chan s more energetic than the usual, ain't she?

That is...

N-No...

Swimming sure must be one of your special qualities, right?

Alice-sama For some reason, even though it seems you can do just about anything

Seriously?!

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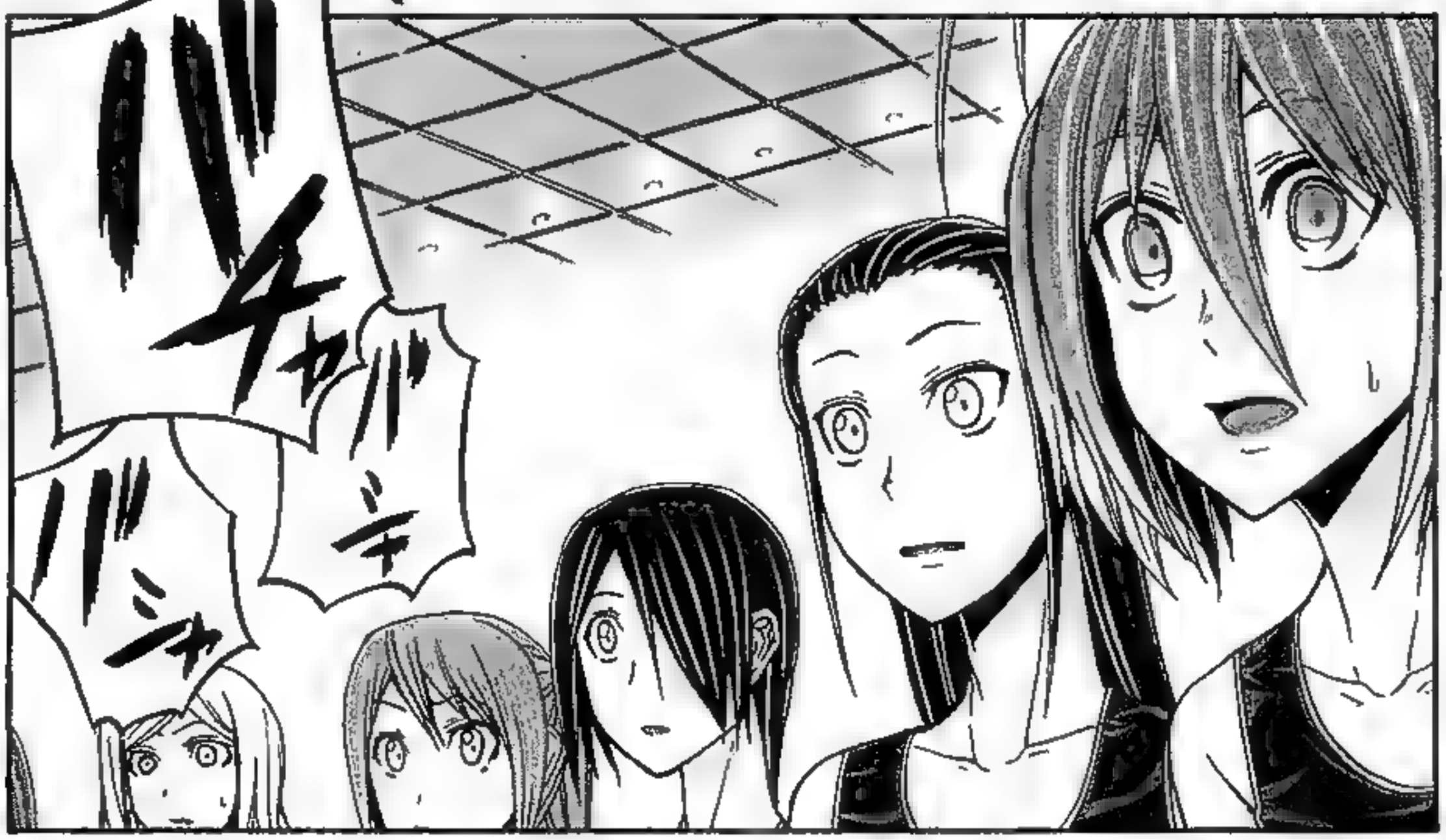
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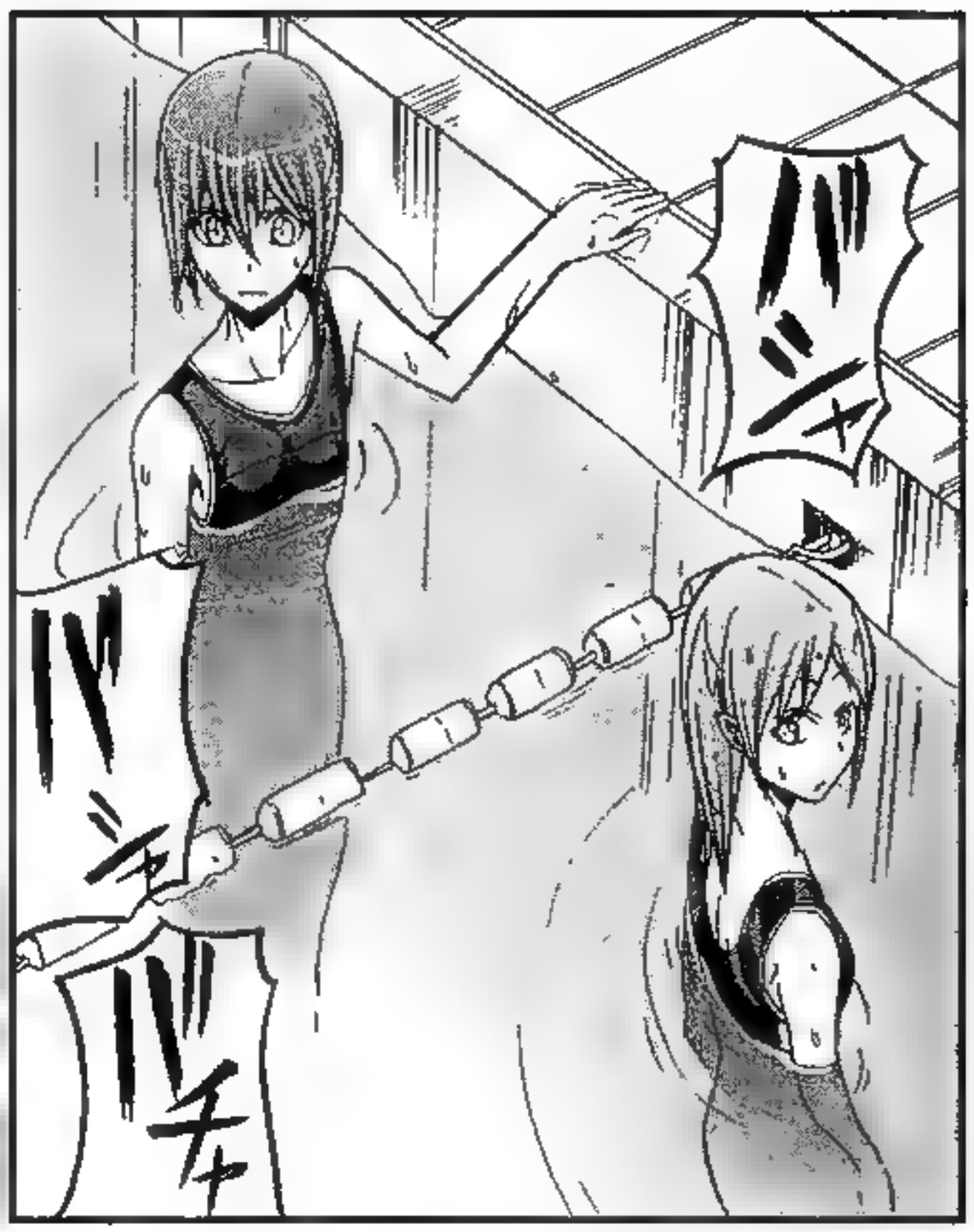
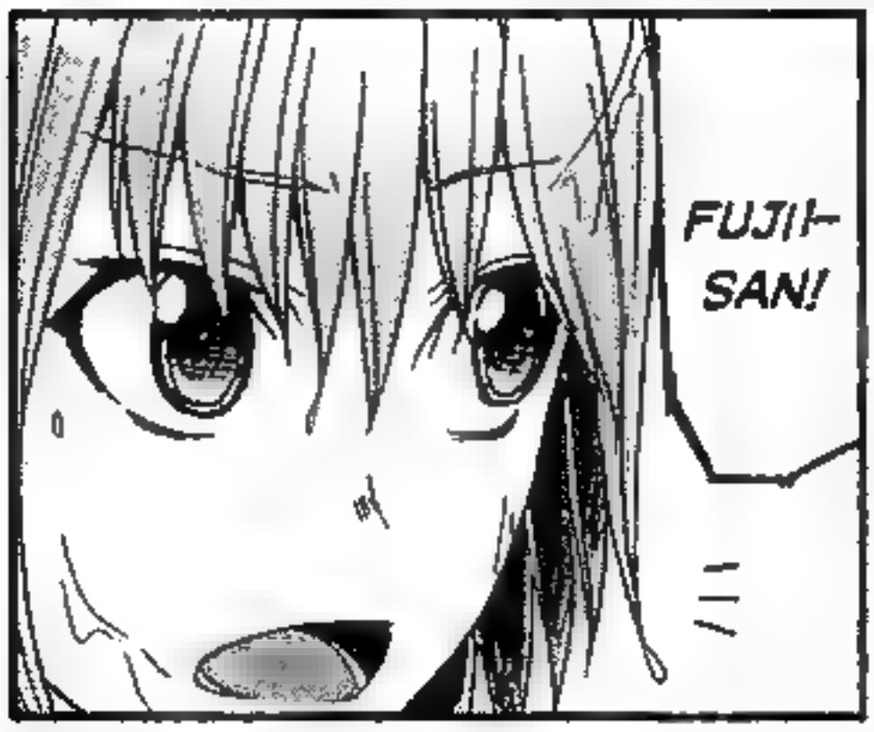
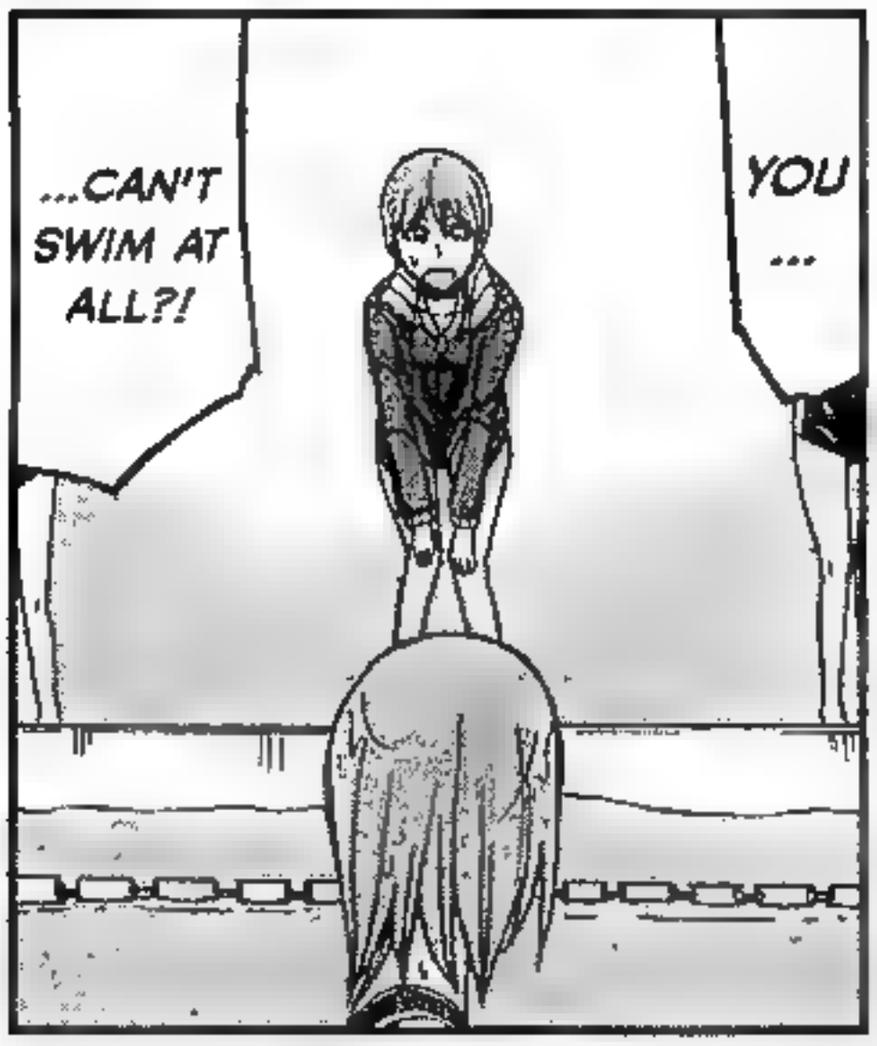
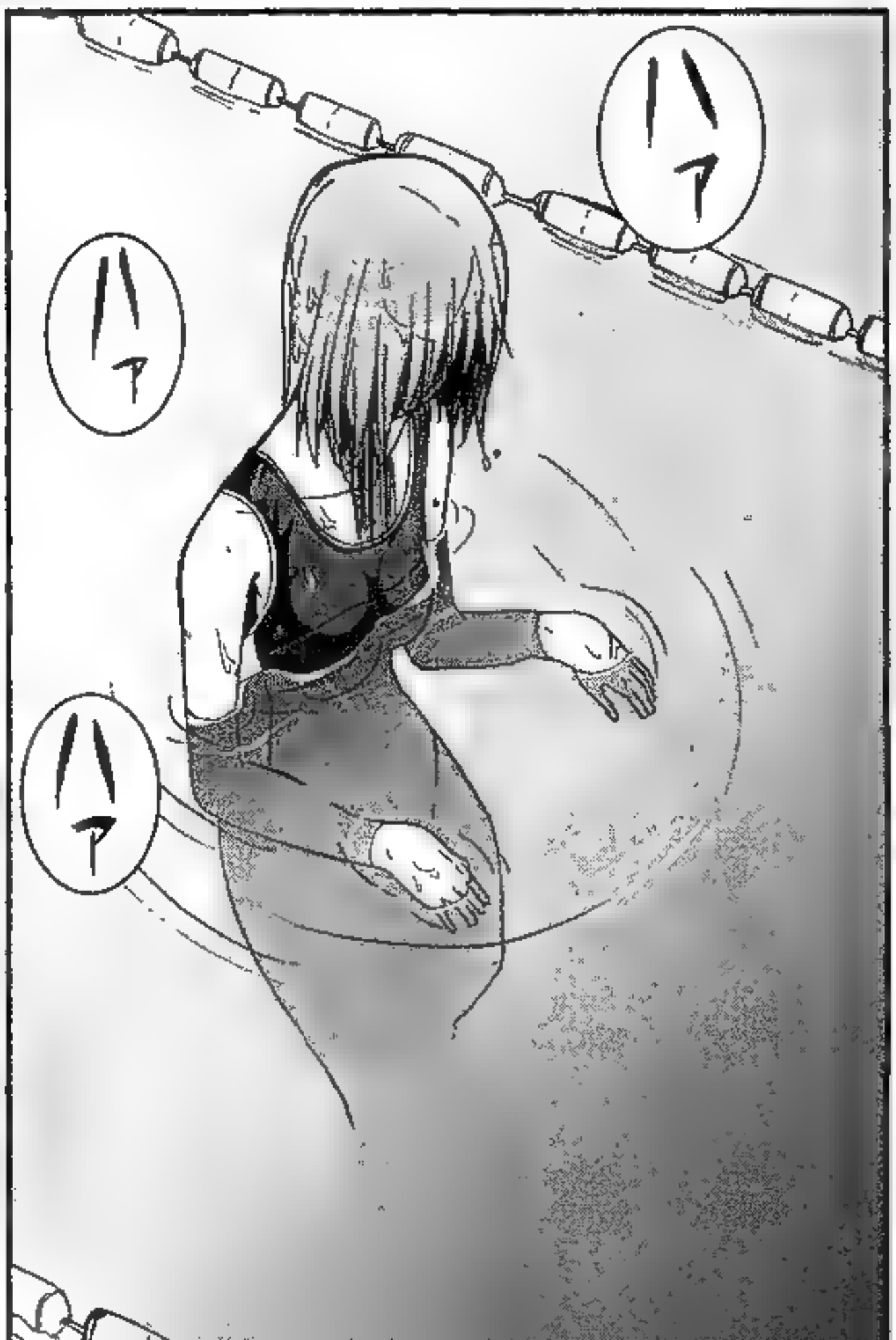



FUJII-SAN!


...CAN'T SWIM AT ALL?!
YOU ...



Get out already and just watch and learn for a bit.

Sorry...

Y-Yes

You should participate.

There are supplementary lessons I have available after school today for pupils who cannot swim, thus

Okay?

That was un-expected

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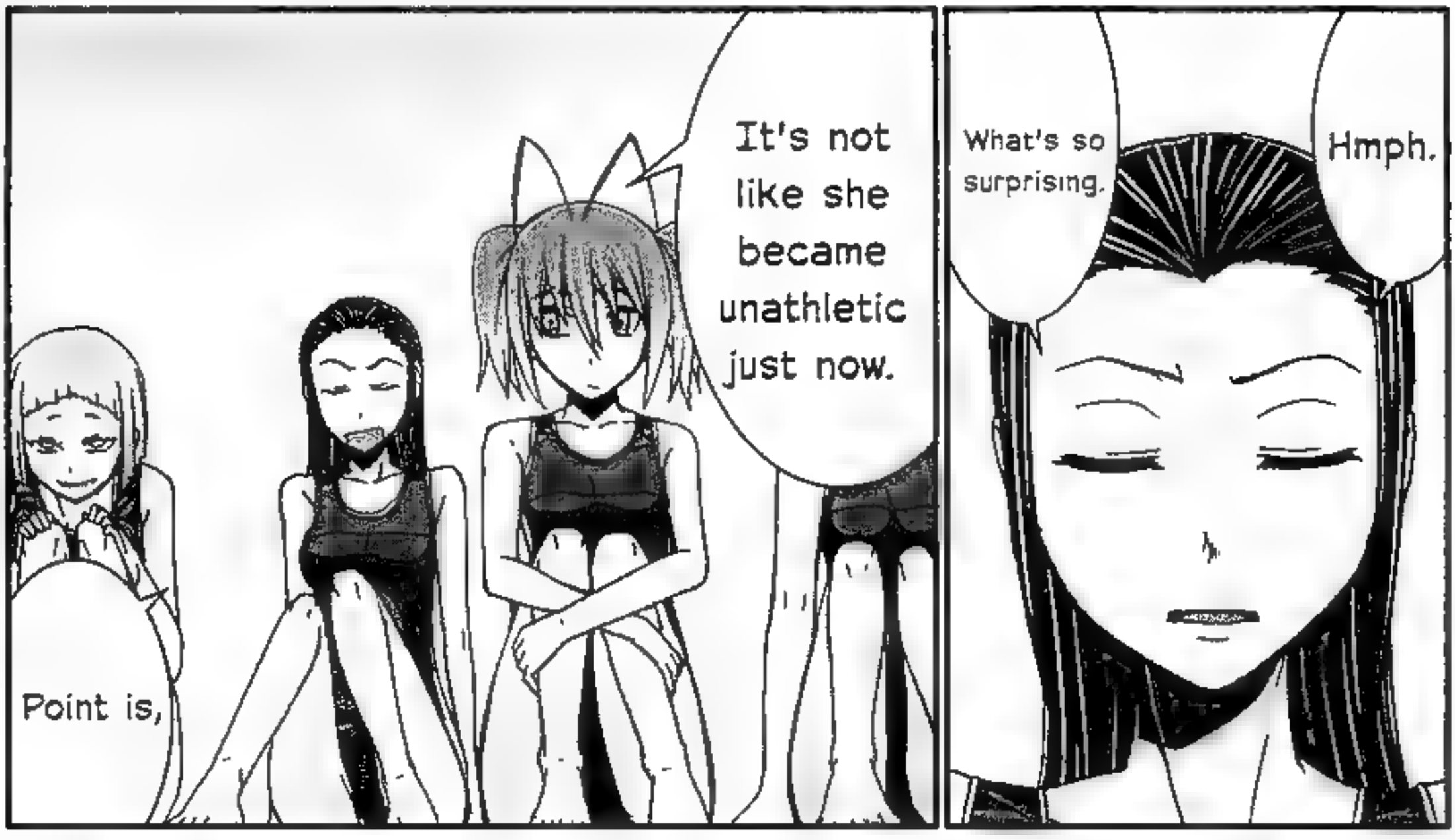
She seriously couldn't swim at all?

Sooo lame...

What the, she

Pfft-


It's not like she became unathletic just now.
Point is,
What's so surprising.
Hmph.

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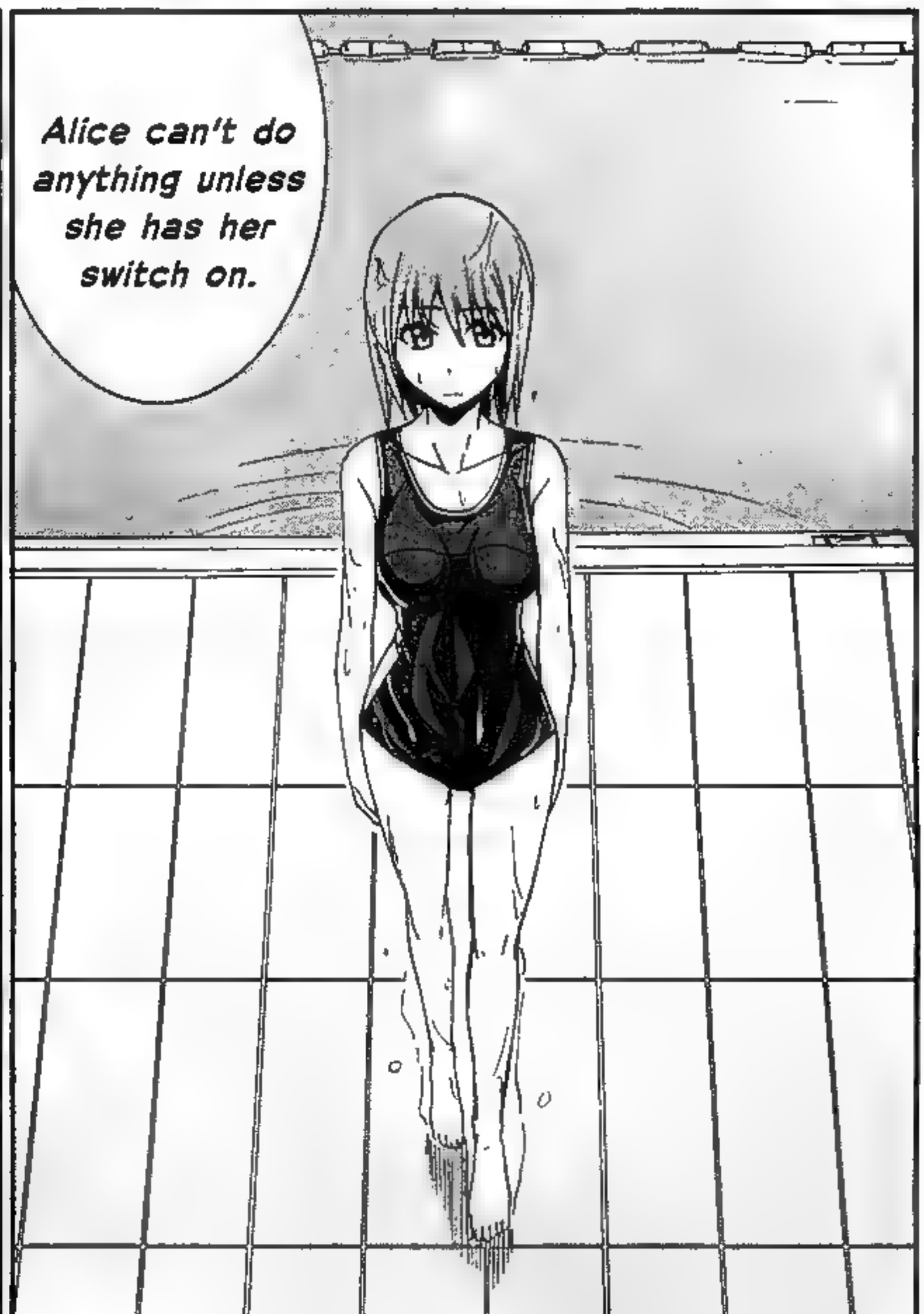
Alice can't do anything unless she has her switch on.

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ストーカー

FUJI-OKA...

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TL Note: Geta are the shoes he's wearing.

These aren't "just" geta.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?!

WHAT'S WITH THOSE GETA?!

FUJIOKA HIBIKI!

These are iron geta.

...other than to study?

What for, that..!

A- AH?!

Is there any other reason for a man to put on iron geta...

TL Note: Hibiki implies more, "to pursue knowledge desired"

COME WITH ME TO THE STAFF ROOM NOW!

ABOVE THAT, YOU HAVE BEEN TRUANT FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK...

One week...

I CONSI- DERED IT BEFORE, BUT NOW I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT ATTITUDE OF YOURS!

W- WAIT!

Sasori definitely said that.

At that moment

I expect that something will happen...

And today is the one week since then.

...I'll leave it in your hands for another week!

...That life of yours...

HEY!

DID YOU HEAR ME?!

Shidemushi?

What are you doing in a place like this,

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Kamadouma, was it?

I'm only inspecting the incinerator.

Though before long, inside this school...

Look here and you'll find out.

...Corpses will appear, or so I've heard.

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With it like that...

This incinerator is so large that it disturbs the balance of this school.

Fujii Alice, I presume?

It's not just about finishing off one person.

What do you mean by that?

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No matter the body, I can dispose of it.

Looks like you weren't informed.

...on Fujii Alice's head.

It looks like The Organization has placed a 200 million Yen bounty...

...If you're going to avenge Kumo, make it quick.

I can't expect that female arachnid to die easily, however...

.....

Some-body's already ahead of you.

"Evil" is destined to be destroyed.

Sooner or later...

...

You cannot expect "justice" to execute on its own.

Sign. Girls' Change Room

女子更衣室

Well if I don't hurry and take my supplementary lessons...

They must've returned really early then.

Nobody is here...

I'm still worried.

Even if I left Tajima-san in Oki-san's care...

I need to quickly hurry on back.

When I'm done,

Oh, Fujii-san.

I... have some things to do...

Erm... Takazawa-sensei...

Good good.

That was quick.

I see...

About how long will this take?

If possib.e, I'd like to leave earlier, but...

Okay then...

Go see if you can swim to the other side.

Fifty metres.

Instead of warning it just get used to it!

Far..!

F-

It's okay if we work on your form afterwards.

People originally were built to be able to float, thus...

Don't touch the bottom with your feet as much as possible.

Okay?

These are the basics.

...Don't think of anything else, and for the meanwhile, just focus on getting to the other side.

Okay.

I'll try it out.

Set...

Ready...

I'll be able to leave.

If I can swim these 50 meters for now,

GO!

To the other side...

.....

Anyways, I need to be faster, even if it's for a second.

Don't think of anything else.

What is this sound .?

This...

This is bad!

I'm really sinking!

ACK-

Eh?

and also adjust my breathing...

I'd better just rest my legs for now,

...can't reach?!

My legs...

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Since when...

...Is this the sound of water rushing?

The water level increased by this much.?

If I stay like this, I'll drown!

This is bad!

No way...

30cm

S- SAVE ME...!!!

SENSEI!

It's okay, Fujii-san.

You'll be at ease soon...

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ZAWA-
SENSEI
IS...

COULD
IT BE..!

YOU'RE
STAND-
ING ON
WATER..?!

Y-

I only borrowed the gymnastic teacher's *"Takazawa Shinobu"* name.

My true name is...

Amenbo, or Water Strider.

Sayori: OMG!!! Anybody remember The Tuxedo from ages ago featuring Jackie Chan lol?

An aquatic insect classified under the Hemiptera order and Heteroptera suborder.

"Water Strider."

...As far as this insect is concerned, water...

...is but only a *trap.*

They drift about in a seemingly tranquil, serene atmosphere, however...

These insects that float on the water's surface are an indication of early summer

...And can completely freely move about on the water's surface without sinking.

However, water striders can utilize the surface tension of the fine hairs on the front of their legs coated with fats...

If they were to fall into water, they would not be able to move, and their escape is no longer an easy task.

For insects that are relatively lightweight, water is the same material as slime to them.

Approaching their prey quite easily,

and then suck the dissolved flesh.

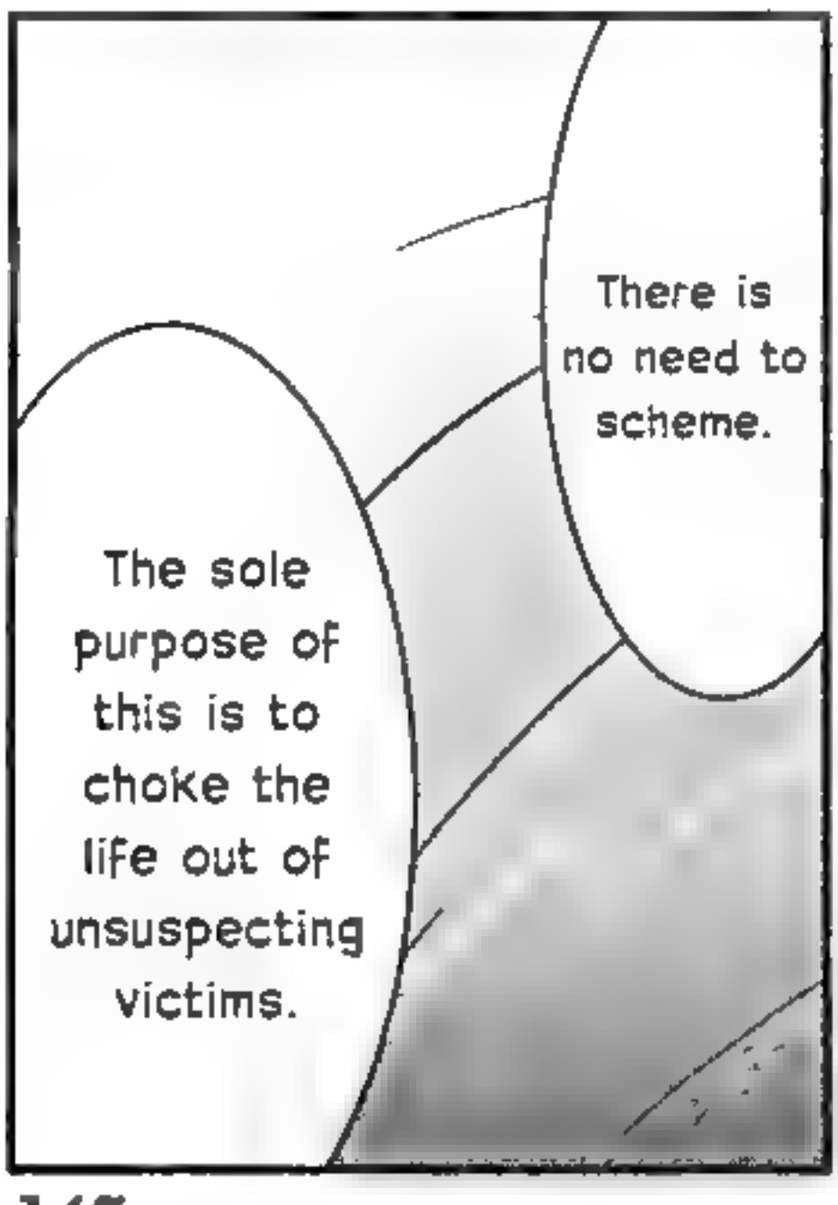
they pierce them with their sharp proboscis, inject their digestive fluids,

Water striders can utilize water as spontaneous traps.

It is different than an arachnid that produces traps for themselves making use of threads.

They are a ferocious predator.

They were also endowed with cunningness that surpasses that of an arachnid's.



TL Note: A sai is an Okinawan weapon, while ballast used here signifies that it is a water weight. Google each word individually if desired.

Fujii-san.

You are honestly a good child.

Before your "concentration" switches on, you know?

it's rather heart-breaking that I have to lay my hands on a student, however...

Somehow or another, me being a teacher,

If we're talking about getting 200 million Yen,

anything goes. ♡

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utilizing the ***Compound Eye Optics Device***, or just ***Compound Eye***, I am capable of watching my surroundings, 360 degrees, all at the same time.

By using the principle behind an insect's compound eyes practically,

"Sub Majors."

It's a completely flawless observation system...

Whenever and wherever a show begins...

Blind spots within the school no longer exist.

TL Note: Compound Eye is the device that records, while Sub Majors is the name of the software that manages it.

...It is impossible for me to miss it.

Water strider.

It seems the first person to attack was a personnel in hiding.

That method of hers.

I like that.

...And she really did just come without even worrying about her real identity, huh...

Utilizing a position of a teacher, she invites her into her own territory...

I wanted to take my time to go look at your skills, however...

Fujii Alice?!

...Are you done already,

Under-stood, Alice?

Always stretch your threads within the atmo-sphere.

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Only then will you be able to exhibit your true worth.

you will lose all of your abilities.

However, in water,

shape-shifting weapons like yours can also be made into a firm guard.

Even for a sensor that can perceive vibrations,

Therefore, even if we're under the assumption that you are using your threads within the atmosphere...

There isn't a single arachnid that has adapted to life underwater.

...Threads are powerless inside water.

Remember this well.

ARACHNID
アラクニド

Chapter 20 : Verifying One's Reason is The Organization's Duty

...and increase the concentration of the carbon dioxide within your blood stream.

It's quite remarkable how you can hold your breath underwater...

You will collapse from circulatory shock and lose consciousness.

That interval is merely...

Furthermore, with your oral cavity to Eustachian tube flooded, blood will surge from your semicircular canals.

...Three minutes.

HIKI

It will be decided in just five minutes.

A traditional, perfect murder technique passed down from ancient times.

That is...

This is even more reliable and elegant than being killed by a sword or executed by shooting.

By now, if another two minutes pass, death will be decided.

...Amenbo style...

...Kiildrown.

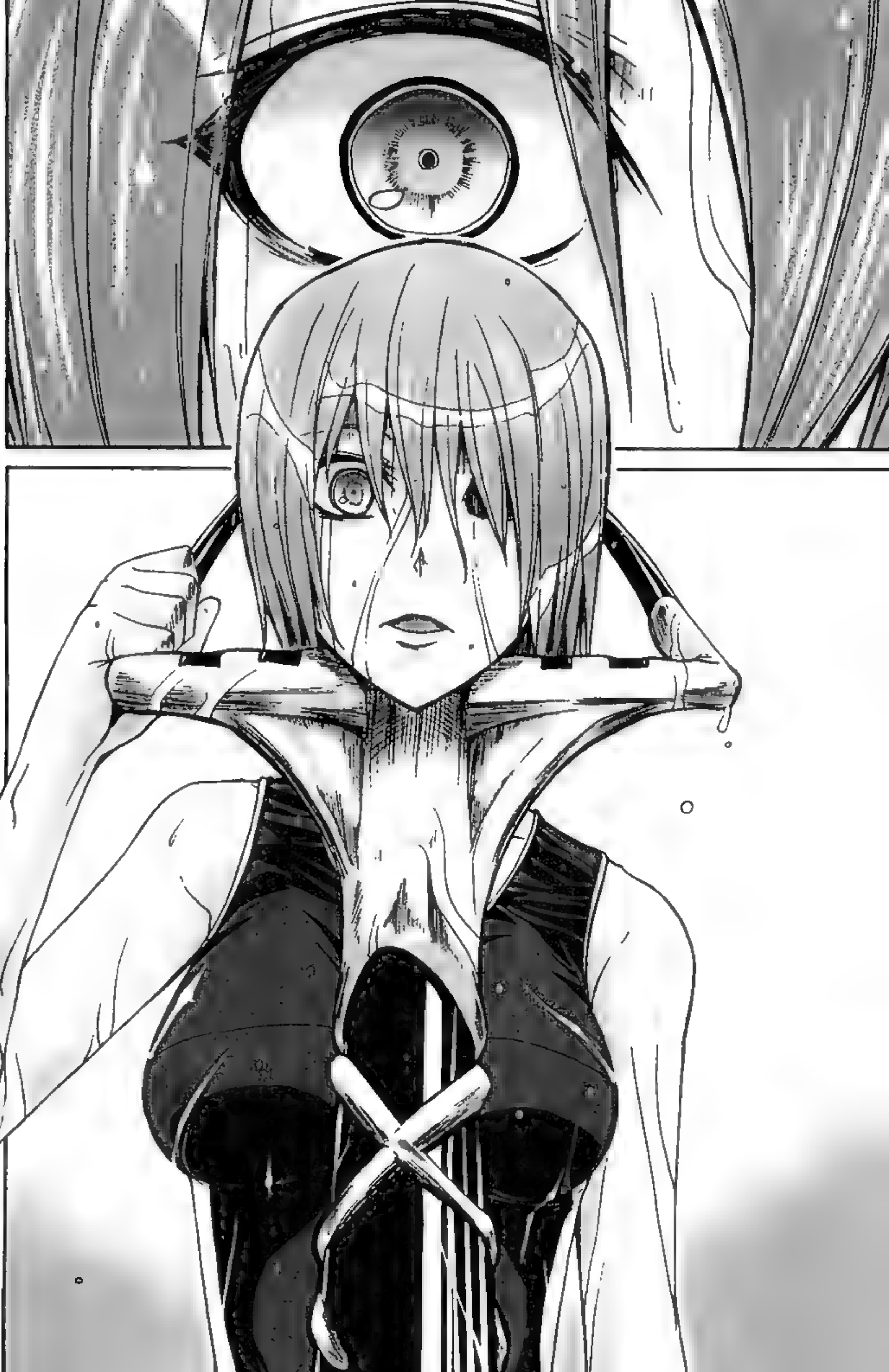
It will be 10 minutes soon.

...There is no one who will survive.

And now...

Two hundred million Yen.

Now what should I use it for...



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ALIVE..?!

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ONCE MORE THEN!!

UGH-

SINK!!

Wha-

Threads!

Just when..?!

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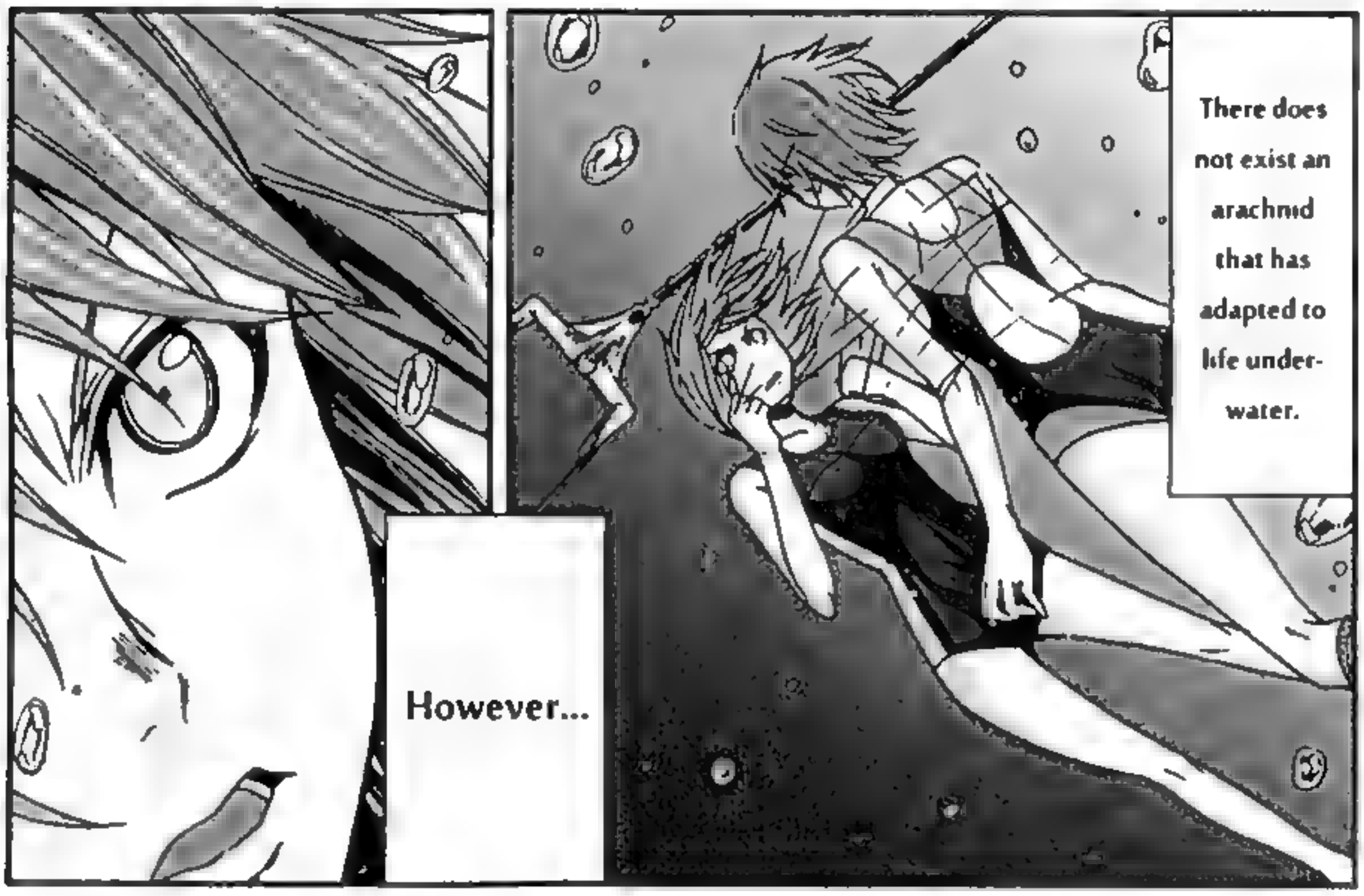
SHIT ..!!

...at the exact moment I pulled her from the water...

So she already wrapped them around me...


There does not exist an arachnid that has adapted to life under-water.
However...

...under-water, and make it an inhabitable place.

...There exists a species that can make a, similar to land, environment...

Within the so-called 40,000 living species of the arachnid order...

The Argyroneta aquatica of the Argyroneta genus of the Cybaeidae family.

...The one arachnid that can form webs underwater.

And within it, they store oxygen.

They form a dome with a membrane layered with threads.

...Even reproduction becomes possible.

Hunting and resting within the water...

Before you sink into the water,

by loosening the union of the super densely woven threads...

...you can form a simple oxygen bottle.

You can bind a life without the opponent sensing you.

It is named...

...via a thread that has been transformed into a straw shape...

And at the same time, by exhaling and inhaling...

...Air Capture Thread.

IT CAN'T BE?!

WAI-

HOW THE...

...DROWN-ING...

...How-ever much proficient they are at life above water...

Water striders ...

...THIS AMENBO ...

THIS ME...

In the case that their hands and feet are bound by an arachnid's thread,

they are unable to swim nor float.

...It doesn't necessarily mean they can breath underwater also.

They cannot avoid drowning to death.

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SFX: Alice breathing heavily

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These few days,

since nothing has come up so far...

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It...

...maybe it's over already", but...

...I vaguely believed that...

...isn't over...

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...It still...

Just as you say.

It ain't over yet, myo...

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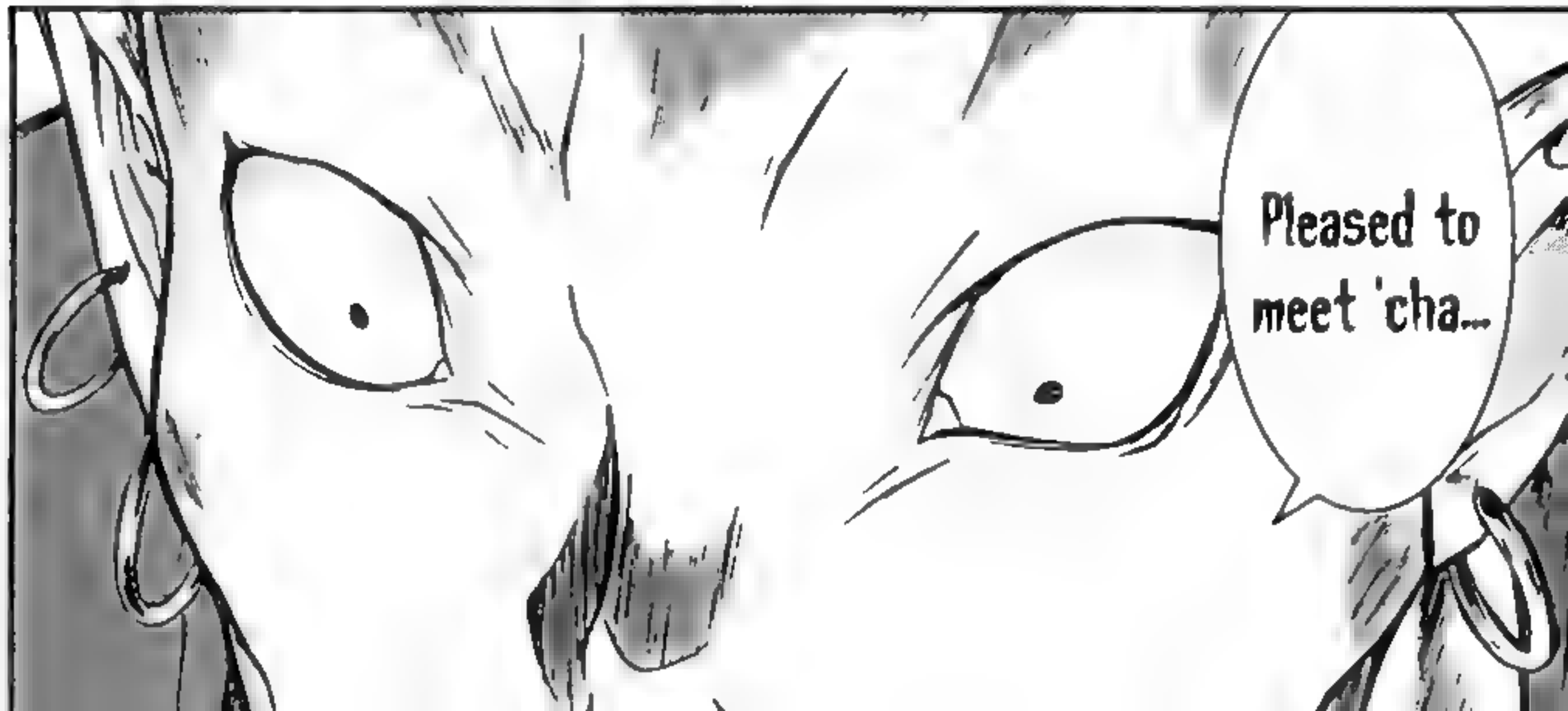
New enemy ..?!

I... I can't...

...get any powe-


Pleased to meet 'cha...

...Hanmyou.

My name is...

Tiger beetle, myo...

Honestly, I planned to kill you inside the changing room, but...

.....

And as I expected, with those thread-using traps...

...You defeated Amenbo.

...I took a look at the circumstances just to make sure, myo...

...You wrapped your body with those threads, so...

But now, the number of dead colleagues comes to three people.

That is...

...I have to completely be on guard for something like that, myo...

Putting that cute face of yours...

...The reward money comes to 300 million also...

300 million for three people?

Just what is thi-

Reward ...?! money?!

R-

I'm quite the schemer, if I say so myself, myo...

This is totally killing two birds with one stone...

Well even if that's the case...

It would be pitiful to have this body of yours killed so soon, myo...

I sever your hands and legs with my ***Scissor Jaws***...

And here I do it like always,

You're completely unprepared, aren't ya.

None-the-less...

...I carefully and amply savour it, myo...

...Maybe I should kill you while...

Not going to play around, just going to finish you off immediately.

I'm going to be pro.

Evil shall definitely be destroyed.

...being a necrophiliac, myo...

I think I'll take my time...

MYO?

Rider Kick

直翅目 蹴撃

If left alone, you will destroy yourself.
...Evil will freely destroy.
However, this notwith-standing...

If justice does not take place...

...is The Organization's duty.

...Verifying one's reason...

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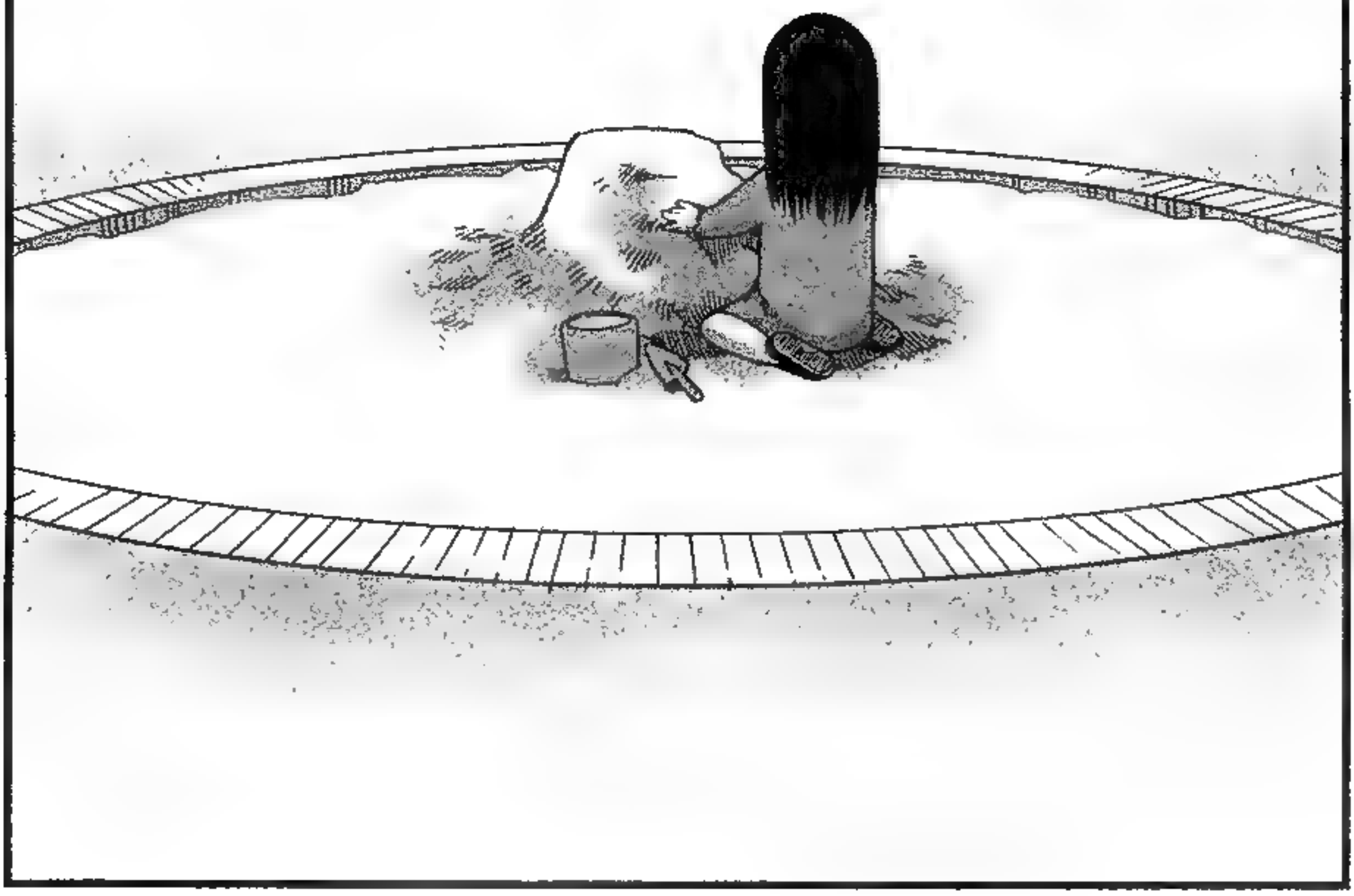
ARACHNID
アラクニド

Tajima Yoriko, Six Years Old. In the Park.

Story & Art: Murata Shinya



Yori-chan!

Santa-san exists?

Do you think...

What?

Hehe...

And what of it?

Of course not.

DAAA-AAA!!!

TA-

Text on Left of Board: Ding Dong Sounds!!

Game: Super DX Playing House Z

THAT'S WHY SANTA-SAN DOES EXIST!

YAY! YAY!!

...CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!

THIS WAS LAST YEAR'S ...

IT'S SANTA-SAN!

WRONG!

Your parents bought it, you know.

Yeah huh...

Note: Yoriko tells her the second bubble sarcastically

R-

I SEE!

REALLY?!

There's just *no* way your parents could lie, right?

"Since we were given this, it must've been from Santa-san!"

...The reality is different.

Though really...

they put a toy they bought from the store near your pillow.

So in the middle of the night, silently,

...and figured that they should make you believe in Santa.

Your mama and papa discussed between the two of them...

the two of them thought of it like this.

And since they would see you happy,

An idiot that was deceived into being happy.

...Being festive about believing that he exists...

A non-existent old man in a red suit...

That's only going to silently turn you into a laughing stock!

WAAA AAAHH HHHHH HHH!!!

What happened to this child?

Yori-chan.

You're crying so loud...

Hey hey now...

..."went up a few steps to adult-hood".

She simply...

Nothing in particular.

END

まだまだ終わらない

これからが本番よ……

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すぐに
殺すには
惜しい身体
だミョ～…

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戦國ストレイズ 1～8 七海慎吾

女子高生・草薙かさねが戦国の世を駆け巡る戦国青春浪漫活劇!! 天文21年に飛ばされたかさねの前に現れたのは、戦国史上最大の異端児にして最凶の革命者・織田上総介信長だった…!

コープスパーティー BloodCovered 1～6 祁答院慎 篠宮トシミ

伝説の人気ゲーム「コープスパーティー BloodCoverd」をコミック化! 呪いの恐怖に震撼せよ!

ヤンデレ彼女 1～6 忍

その名を知られた不良少女・竜崎レイナと、真面目で普通な男子学生・田中学は出会った瞬間マンガのような一目ぼれに。ガンガンJOKER&ONLINE同時連載中の大人気ギャグコミック!

EIGHTH 1～5 河内和泉

最先端の遺伝子工学の研究を行うエイス研究所。そこの保安警備員であるナオヤに、急速イタリアの研究機関への潜入任務が下されて…!? 遺伝子工学の世界を舞台に繰り広げられるサイエンスアクション!!

黄昏乙女×アムネジア 1～5 めいびい

学校の怪談通りに、貞一の前に現れた幽霊の夕子。彼女の謎の死の真相を知るため、夕子と貞一は怪異調査部を立ち上げる・ 。陰鬱あふれる美麗な作画で迫る、美少女幽霊譚!!

妖狐×僕SS 1～5 藤原ここあ

最高級マンション「メゾン・ド・章槻」。そこは妖怪の先祖返り達が集う妖しい館だった――。

dear 新装版 1～2 藤原ここあ

藤原ここあ初長期連載、堂々の復活!! 伝説の存在「魔狼」を巡る、心と心が繋がる物語――。描き下ろしカバーイラスト&描き下ろしおまけ漫画、未公開資料も収録――!!

わたしの狼さん。新装版 全1巻 藤原ここあ

藤原ここあの原点ここに復活!! 描き下ろしカバーイラスト&描き下ろしおまけ漫画、未公開資料も収録した待望の新装版――!!

お嬢様と妖怪執事 −藤原ここあ短編集− 全1巻 藤原ここあ

縦横無尽な藤原ここあの世界がついに待望の一冊に。「ストレイドール」「お嬢様と妖怪執事」「山田」「私は」の全4編を収録。

ひまわり 1～4 ごお 檜山大輔

記憶を失くした高校生・日向陽一は、記念公園でUFOの墜落を目撃する。墜落したUFOから出てきたのはアリエスと名乗る一人の少女だった…! アリエスを陽一の家で保護することになったが、そこから様々な事件が起こる!!

プラナス・ガール 1～4 松本トモキ

合格発表の時に出会った一人の少女に一目惚れした槇。入学して偶然にも同じクラスになったがその少女はなんと男だった!! 果たして槇の恋の行方は!?

アラクニド 1～4 村田真哉 いふじシンセン

叔父を殺された少女はある日を境に殺し屋となる…。それは自分を守るため、大事な人との約束を果たすため!! 村田真哉氏といふじシンセンのコンビが放つ、本格サスペンス・アクション!!

アカメが斬る! 1～3 タカヒロ 田代哲也

殺し屋集団ナイトレイド――その一員である黒髪赤目の少女アカメ。彼女と出会った時、少年タツミの運命は大きく動き始める…。「つよきす」「真剣で私に恋しなさい!!」のタカヒロが贈る、ダークヒロイン・アクション開幕!!

私のおウチはHON屋さん 1～3 横山知生

中沢みゆちゃん(小5)は、実家のお仕事を手伝うとっても良い子。但しちょっとだけ問題が…。みゆちゃんの家は珍な本の専門店なんです…。恥ずかしながらも健気にがんばる、本屋さんコメディー開店です!!

絶対☆霊域 1～2 吉辺あくろ

兄の帰りを待ち続ける少女の霊が棲むアパートがあった…。霊の見える彼にとっては少女と同居できるというチャンスに他ならない! 怖がり幽霊少女ひな子と変態紳士・後藤の無理やり同居生活、ここにスタート!

花咲くいろは 1～2 P.A.WORKS 千田衛人

アラーの女子高生、松前緒花はある日単身、遠く北陸に移り住むことに。行先はまだ見ぬ祖母が経営する温泉旅館・喜翠荘。そこで楽しい生活が待っている、と思った緒花ですが…? P.A.WORKS原作のアニメをコミック化!

カミヨメ 1 鍵空とみやき

ごく普通の中学生、希桜 彗華。神主の空想 万。友達以上・恋人未満のおだやかな日常は、彼が"ほんとうの姿"を明かすことで動き出す――!

"文学少女"と飢え渇く幽霊(ゴースト) 1 野村美月 高坂りと

元・大人気覆面美少女作家の"僕"と、物語を食べちゃうくらい愛している"文学少女"の先輩。大人気"文学少女"コミカライズ、新シリーズここに開幕!

"文学少女"と死にたがりの道化(ピエロ) 全3巻 野村美月 高坂りと

"元天才美少女作家"の僕と、"本をちぎって食べる妖怪"の先輩。二人が紡ぐミステリアス学園コメディ! 大人気ライトノベル待望のコミック化!!

うみねこのなく頃に散 Episode5: End of the golden witch 1 竜騎士07 秋夕カ

第4のゲームで敗北したことにより、心を失ったベアトリーチェ。そんな彼女の代りにゲームマスターに名乗り出たのは、絶対の魔女ラムダデルタだった。そして現れる新たな人物"探偵"古戸ヱリカ……。うみねこ解答編、遂に開幕!!

うみねこのなく頃に Episode1: Legend of the golden witch 全4巻 竜騎士07 夏海ケイ

これは魔女を信じるまで続けられる、永遠の拷問。魔女伝説が語られる"六軒島"を舞台に惨劇の幕が開く――。

うみねこのなく頃に Episode3: Banquet of the golden witch 全5巻 竜騎士07 夏海ケイ

始まりの物語、エピソード1を描いた夏海ケイが魔女幻想渦巻く、エピソード3を描く!! 果たして犯人は人間なのか、魔女なのか!?

ひぐらしのなく頃に解 祭囃し編 全8巻 竜騎士07 鈴羅木かりん

ごく普通の少女、田無美代子を襲う惨劇――それが、「昭和58年6月」へと続く運命の始まりだった。すべての謎を解き明かす、「ひぐらし」完結編がここにスタート!!

失楽園 全6巻 尚村 透

「楽園」の名を持ち、人々の憧れの的である私立ユートピア学園。主人公・緑本ソラは期待を胸に学園に転入する。だが、そこで目にしたのは、時代遅れの男尊女卑が横行する世界だった…。

わ! 全3巻 小島あきら

小島あきら最新作登場! 片想いの連鎖が輪を描く――。巻頭カラー漫画&だい8わ描き下ろし!

はつきあい 全2巻 カザマアヤミ

はじめての交際"はつきあい"を描いた恋愛オムニバスストーリー!! はじめての恋愛は、恥ずかしくてこそばゆくて、そして眩しすぎて…ニヤニヤとドキドキがとまりません♡

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ひぐらしのなく頃に解 目明し編 全4巻 竜騎士07 方條ゆとり

舞台は昭和57年雛見沢村。一人の少年との出会いが園崎詩音の運命を大きく変えていく。大人気ノベルゲーム『ひぐらしのなく頃に解 目明し編』、満を持して完全コミック化!!

ひぐらしのなく頃に 綿流し編 全2巻 竜騎士07 方條ゆとり

寒村・雛見沢村での祭の日に毎年起こる惨劇。一人が死に一人が消えるという忌わしき事件が今年も起こるのか!? 話題独占のノベルゲームを完全コミカライズ!

中村工房 全3巻 中村 光

鬼才中村光が送る新感覚脱力系ギャグがついにコミックスに! 怪しさと不思議さが渦巻く中村ワールドに君もトリップしよう!!

●品切れの時は本屋さんに注文して下さい。

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Oh snap. A notes page was actually included this time.
When was the last time I included one? Months ago? Anyways.

This time, I'm bringing to you Kirei Cake's first official event.
The last one I held was a fluke, so please disregard it.

Basically, Arachnid Chapter 18 is already done.
While you're reading this, it should already be uploaded (silently).
However, the release will be withheld until Saturday, June 9.

However, if my IRC channel, #cake, reaches 80+ users before that date, Arachnid Chapter 18 will be released at that exact moment.

But you're probably wondering by now (most likely because of my fail in the last event), what if I don't follow up again this time? And what if we don't even hit 50+ users, let alone 80+?

Well you're in for some good news.
As long as you drop by our channel and chat for at least a little while, I'll give you the MediaFire download link. It's that easy.

This way, even if the channel doesn't reach 80+ users,
I'll give you the chapter. Just for hanging out.

It's my way of saying thanks for reading :) - Sayori